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12) ISSLR XI host selection

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Topic:

Topic author: rjellison

Subject: 12) ISSLR XI host selection

Posted on: 08 Feb 2009 20:57:34

Message:

The recent referendum indicates a strong preference for Enrique Bucher's proposal at Mar Chiquita, Argentina. The first choices were Argentina (21), Chile (12), Xining (6), Yungcheng (6). I included 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice on the ballot so an instant runoff could be done if no single site had a clear majority. In this procedure the lowest candidates are dropped on 2nd or 3rd choices counted. Dropping the two lowest vote getters (Xining and Yungcheng) and tallying the 2nd or 3rd choice where necessary yields Argentina (30) and Chile (13). The total differ because a few ballots had a Chinese site listed as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice.

While the board reserves the right to select the next conference host, slightly more than 2/3 of the voting members prefer Mar Chiquita, Argentina. Therefore I move we accept Bucher's proposal.

"Resolved Enrique Bucher's proposal to host the next international conference on salt lake research at Mar Chiquita, Argentina in 2011 be accepted."

Replies:

Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 08 Feb 2009 21:12:37

Message:

I am in favor of this proposal.

Reply author: rjellison

Replied on: 08 Feb 2009 21:45:47

Message:

At present, we have a vacant "Editor" position on the board. It is within our bylaws to have the board fill this position and I might suggest Enrique Boucher if the above motion passes. Note, this does not apply to the participation of Courtney Salm as we have all 7 of our Members-at-Large positions filled.

Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 08 Feb 2009 21:54:55

Message:

If the board is happy with my performance as editor (I will soon post my report on the Board forum), I will be pleased to keep serving in this position. For the Salt Lake City proceedings I was assisted by two locals (Dave Naftz, Wayne Wurtsbaugh), and I don't see any reason why we cannot do something similar for the next meeting.

Reply author: mcoleman
Replied on: 08 Feb 2009 22:50:54
Message:

based on the 'referendum' I can only agree that Argentina is the obvious choice

Reply author: clitchfield
Replied on: 10 Feb 2009 09:02:47
Message:

I agree that the next meeting should be in Argentina.

Carol Litchfield

Reply author: mcoleman
Replied on: 10 Feb 2009 11:28:46
Message:

Aoren raised another issue in his post about the Editor. I dont think this is the right forum but is Aoren suggesting that there be a standing editor supported by two regional co editors from the hosting country? This seems to be a good suggestion as it gives continuity of standard and some assurance to the board that the job will get done based on previous performance in the role.

Reply author: aoren
Replied on: 10 Feb 2009 11:33:27
Message:

One or two regional co-editors, that makes no difference as long as the editorial team will be experienced and do a good job. Not long ago we relied on one local editor and we all know the disastrous results!

Reply author: rjellison
Replied on: 10 Feb 2009 11:37:25
Message:

Mark is right. I posted my comment on the vacant "Editor" position here in response to Aharon's comment in the "Election.." topic of the desirability of having the selected host on the board. It's probably best to keep all these issues separate. I don't think it necessary to discuss editorship of the next proceedings at this time. We could easily consider this later or even next year.

If someone wants to continue this discussion concerning "Editor" please begin a new topic and we'll discuss it as an agenda item under new business.

Reply author: btimms
Replied on: 11 Feb 2009 03:48:46
Message:

I vote for Argentina. However, I feel sorry for the Chinese, but they have already had one and Argentina has had none, and besides I get the distinct feeling China is out of favour at present.

Reply author: aoren
Replied on: 11 Feb 2009 04:03:55
Message:

Why is China out of favor? Surely not with the president of the ISSLR. After having spent a three week period as guest teacher in Hangzhou in 2007 and I am looking forward to get back to China

this summer to teach in Jinan. I just love the country (and the food!).

Reply author: btimms

Replied on: 11 Feb 2009 04:32:22

Message:

They are out of favour in Australia because of their Human Rights record in Tibet and economically because we thought they were going to save us from the Recession by continuing to buy all our dirt.

Reply author: wurtsbaugh

Replied on: 14 Feb 2009 06:19:12

Message:

Sorry I have not been contributing to these discussions, but I have not been getting email notifications of anything except the Call To Order (Bob can you change my direct email to: wayne.wurtsbaugh@usu.edu ? perhaps that will help)

I vote in favor of Argentina.

Aharon has done a fabulous job as the lead editor of the Salt Lake City proceedings, so hopefully he will continue on. It has also worked well to have two co-editors. Note, however, that although we may have "continuity" by keeping Aharon on, we still have not really resolved the issue of having continuity in terms of where we publish the proceedings. Publishing the Salt Lake proceedings in my College's electronic book outlet will work OK, but is a very low-profile outlet. It's redeeming feature is that it is fully searchable via search engines such as Google, so people will be able to find our pubs. Nevertheless, I would hope that we can find a stable outlet with higher profile. I'm off-discussion here, but I do want to note that this is something we need to resolve well BEFORE the next meeting.

Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 14 Feb 2009 07:36:26

Message:

Enrique in his proposal to have the meeting in Argentina suggested publication in a local journal (I forgot the title). If we will accept that, then it also will be a one-time solution only.

Reply author: rjellison

Replied on: 15 Feb 2009 07:49:16

Message:

The motion to accept Bucher's proposal to host the next conference in Argentina has been moved and seconded. Discussion should be limited to this topic. Although we given weight to the preferences of the conference host and organizers, we have made an effort (actually decided by board decision) these past two meetings to separate the selection of a host from the right to edit and publish the proceedings. Discussion on who and what forum to use to publish papers from the next conference should be held elsewhere. I suggest these can wait until after our current proceedings are published and we hear back from Bucher with any proposal he has.

In this topic, we should discuss the selection of a host. I view of little further discussion on this topic, I think we are ready to "put the question" (i.e. vote).

I'd like to call for a vote on the motion in the first posting of this topic.

Reply author: clitchfield

Replied on: 15 Feb 2009 14:51:18

Message:

I move that we accept Bucher's offer to host the next ISSLR meeting in Argentina.

Carol

Reply author: aoren
Replied on: 15 Feb 2009 23:45:17
Message:

agreed

Reply author: btimms
Replied on: 16 Feb 2009 16:30:13
Message:

I vote in favour of Argentina (I am back in civilization early because a monsoonal low with 150mm of rain so far chased us out)

Reply author: mcoleman
Replied on: 17 Feb 2009 14:24:02
Message:

I am in favour of the Argentina proposal

Reply author: aoren
Replied on: 23 Feb 2009 21:09:26
Message:

Although we have a majority in favor of Argentina, it may be nice to have also the votes of Haydee, Jasmine, Nick, and Zheng.

Reply author: btimms
Replied on: 24 Feb 2009 02:18:17
Message:

Bob, could you please send a reminder to Haydee, Jasmine and Mianping. (Nick has already been on line)

Reply author: aoren
Replied on: 24 Feb 2009 02:27:27
Message:

Jasmine and Mianping have also been online - they have formally signed in. Only Haydee has not participated in any way in the Board meeting.

Reply author: btimms
Replied on: 24 Feb 2009 02:49:43
Message:

OK reminder to Haydee please

Reply author: rjellison
Replied on: 24 Feb 2009 05:39:05
Message:

I sent Haydee another reminder. Any of you can send an email to anyone who has logged on at the Call to Order by clicking on "Email poster" (one of the reply icons above their message.)

Reply author: sarosj
Replied on: 02 Mar 2009 12:42:24
Message:

Sorry, I wasn't getting the e-mail alerts about activity! I also support Argentina as the site-

Jasmine

Reply author: rjellison
Replied on: 03 Mar 2009 08:40:28
Message:

Has the motion to accept Bucher's proposal to host the next conference in Argentina carried? I would like to post an announcement on the website.

Reply author: aoren
Replied on: 03 Mar 2009 08:48:23
Message:

I think it has, so that you can post it on the web site. Will you notify Enrique or shall I do that?

Reply author: aoren
Replied on: 03 Mar 2009 21:23:55
Message:

I have now formally invited Enrique Bucher to organize the next meeting.

I have notified Pengxi Zhang, Mianping Zheng and Mahendra Kumar about the our decision to hold the 2011 meeting in Argentina, and invited them to extend their kind offers to host a meeting also for 2014.

Reply author: btimms
Replied on: 04 Mar 2009 21:09:00
Message:

All sounds good to me. But....hopefully the world recession will be over by then.

Reply author: aoren
Replied on: 05 Mar 2009 01:59:16
Message:

I have received an enthusiastic letter from Enrique, thanking the Board for inviting him and telling us that he will start making preparations soon. We will keep in touch with him. I now formally propose to add Enrique as a non-voting member to the board to improve communication between the board and the meeting organizers.

Reply author: mcoleman
Replied on: 05 Mar 2009 04:45:57
Message:

I agree to include Enrique

Reply author: rjellison
Replied on: 05 Mar 2009 05:38:43
Message:

I agree and would think it useful for Enrique to review topics on the past GSL meeting, finances, publications, and participate in relevant topics of future board meetings.

In inviting Enrique to participate, I want to remind board members that our meetings are, in principle, open to the public. Although the online bulletin board format may make it seem more like personal private correspondence - it is not. We generally haven't had non-members present as we restrict access to this forum to prevent the unbelievable amount of spam we would encounter if it was not permission restricted. I see we now have 584 "Members" awaiting approval on the bulletin board -- all of which are robo spammers of one sort or another. Every couple weeks I log in and delete their requests. At any rate, the point is that any member wanting to "attend" our meetings should be given access AND you should consider that any or all of your comments may at some point be viewed by other general members. You should not type ("say") anything here that you would not say in a public meeting.

Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 05 Mar 2009 05:55:34

Message:

Thanks for this clarification. As soon as we will have a majority in favor of the proposal Bob can send him the password information to get access to the forum.

Reply author: wurtsbaugh

Replied on: 05 Mar 2009 06:02:44

Message:

I sent Enrique the budget spreadsheet from the Salt Lake City meeting. I also sent him a very details meeting planning booklet that the North American Benthological Society uses. These should help him get started.

Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 05 Mar 2009 06:26:58

Message:

Thanks, Wayne. You are experienced, and I am pleased that you are willing to share your experiences with the organizers of the next event.

Reply author: sarosj

Replied on: 05 Mar 2009 06:35:41

Message:

I agree to include Enrique

Reply author: rjellison

Replied on: 05 Mar 2009 06:47:38

Message:

Given that our board meetings are open to the public and what appears to be a consensus that his participation is desired, I'll ask Enrique to join us now.

Reply author: btimms

Replied on: 05 Mar 2009 12:11:09

Message:

Good

Reply author: clitchfield

Replied on: 07 Mar 2009 14:42:55

Message:

I think it is essential that he participate in these discussions as that will help him in that he can get a number of ideas for all of the "problems" that will crop up.

Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 21 Mar 2009 07:29:49

Message:

To summarize item 12 on the agenda:

1. Based on the members referendum and the Board discussions, Mar Chiquita, Argentina has been selected as the venue for the 2011 symposium of the ISSLR. Enrique Bucher will be the chairman of the organizing committee.
 2. The Board wishes Enrique much success, and will cooperate with the local organizers and do everything possible to make the meeting a success.
 3. The Board thanks Pengxi Zhang, Mianping Zheng and Mahendra Kumar for submitting offers to host the next meeting in China or Peru.
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