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13) Regional representation & the Siberian Branch

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Topic author: rjellison

Subject: 13) Regional representation & the Siberian Branch

Posted on: 08 Feb 2009 21:24:39

Message:

The status of the Siberian Group of ISSLR was raised. The chairperson of the Siberian Group is Andrei Degermendzhy. During 2007 only a single member of the Siberian Group, the chairperson, paid dues. In 2008 dues payments were not solicited and no dues were paid from this group.

The group was founded as a committee within ISSLR by a resolution at the 2003 annual board meeting as follows:

RECOGNIZING that regional groups organized by ISSLR could act as an effective liaison between local saline lake researchers and the worldwide research community,
RECOGNIZING FURTHER that such groups could further ISSLR's stated purposes, and
ACKNOWLEDGING Andrei Degermendzhy's considerable interest in forming such a group,

RESOLVED an advisory committee named the "Siberian Group" be formed as permitted under Art IV Sec 2 of our bylaws and Andrei appointed chairperson. No authority beyond that of advisory committee is hereby granted and all activities of the committee shall be in accordance with ISSLR's goals.

The committee chairperson will keep the ISSLR Board informed of its activities and the board will review the committee's activities and provide further instructions on an annual basis.

Replies:

Reply author: rjellison

Replied on: 08 Feb 2009 21:26:21

Message:

I suggest we solicit a report and perhaps dues payment from Andrei.

Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 08 Feb 2009 21:27:46

Message:

Dues payment not only from Andrei but from a decent number of members of the "Siberian Branch".

Reply author: clitchfield

Replied on: 10 Feb 2009 09:18:08

Message:

Is the "Siberian" group still active? That may be why no one has paid dues or sent a report. If they are active but are not willing to pay dues to ISSLR, should we still recognize them as a

standing committee? Not having been present at the time, I don't know the basis for their special status other than the report. Have we ever had a report or dues payments from them? A little history here would be helpful.

Carol Litchfield

Reply author: aoren
Replied on: 10 Feb 2009 09:23:35
Message:

If I remember the issue of the establishment of the Siberian branch properly, it was an attempt from Andrei to show to the local Siberian authorities some activity under the aegis of an international organization without the obligations (= payment of membership dues) connected with membership in that organization.

Reply author: btimms
Replied on: 11 Feb 2009 03:52:13
Message:

Yes I suggest we ask for a report. I think at the time we allowed such a branch because it was largely for the political benefit of Andrei and co. That may now not be appropriate, but we will see when a report comes in.

Reply author: aoren
Replied on: 23 Feb 2009 21:10:20
Message:

Has Andrei been contacted and was any reply received?

Reply author: rjellison
Replied on: 23 Feb 2009 21:15:29
Message:

I don't think he has been contacted. Aharon - do you want to?

Reply author: aoren
Replied on: 23 Feb 2009 21:16:46
Message:

OK. Can you give me his e-mail address?

Reply author: aoren
Replied on: 24 Feb 2009 22:18:03
Message:

I have just written a letter to Andrei Degermendzhy, requesting clarifications about the status of the Siberian Group of the ISSLR and its activities. I will update the Board as soon as I will receive a reply.

Reply author: aoren
Replied on: 02 Mar 2009 20:40:19
Message:

No reply from Andej yet. I suggest that, if we will not hear from him within a week or so we will start thinking about a motion to discontinue the involvement of ISSLR in the "Siberian Group".

Reply author: rjellison

Replied on: 05 Mar 2009 05:50:03

Message:

I don't think any action it necessary on this item. We were fairly careful in what we were authorizing (see the text of motion that formed the Siberian Group above). Essentially we formed a committee with Andrei the chairperson. He gets to say he is chair of the Siberian Group to his colleagues or funding agencies and he and his group continue research at Shira Lake. While it would be nice if we had paying members from this group, I don't see it as a major issue. If we want to press the issue, I guess we could declare that Andrei is not in good standing and thus the committee is defunct by default, but I don't see what purpose this would serve vis-a-vis our society's goals. Also, recall that Andrei hosted an excellent conference in 2005 so he ranks among a select group of only 11 of us. Also consider that we did not actively solicit dues last year in lieu of collecting them at the meeting.

Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 10 Mar 2009 00:05:03

Message:

I received the following message from Andrey:

Dear Prof. Aharon Oren,

I'm interested in continuation of the work of the Siberian group. As you know, a web-site was created. There are some results. At present the site is being improved and the revealed imperfections are being fixed. Here is the list of candidates to ISSLR members: Degermendzhi A.G., Degermendzhi N.N., Zadereev E.S., Rogozin D.Yu., Yemelyanova A.Yu., Tolomeev A.P., Barkhatov Yu.V. Previously, the fees were paid by traveler's checks and sent by mail, but sometimes they fail to reach the addressee. Please, tell me if there is another way of paying the fees. Besides, I'd like to know where and how it is planned to choose a place for the next ISSLR conference.

Best Regards,

Prof. Andrey Degermendzhi.

Bob, can you provide these prospective members with information about payment of their membership fee?

I have notified Andrey of the venue of the next meeting.

Reply author: rjellison

Replied on: 10 Mar 2009 05:35:42

Message:

Yes, I'll do that as part of the mailing to all previous members who did not attend GSL and pay membership dues.

Reply author: haydmon

Replied on: 11 Mar 2009 16:38:00

Message:

Dear DR. Aharon Oren,
Sorry because my delay connection. I was reading some Forum information. Related to the membership, they are few colleagues who want to be members of the ISSLR. Is there any news about the annual amount to pay, you had been accepted lately?.

Reply author: aoren
Replied on: 11 Mar 2009 21:16:47
Message:

Bob can give you all the information.

Reply author: aoren
Replied on: 21 Mar 2009 07:32:16
Message:

To summarize item 13 of the agenda: The Siberian group had expressed interest to continue its activities under the aegis of the ISSLR; a number of members of that group wish to continue their membership in the ISSLR, and the secretary/treasurer will send them reminders to pay their membership fees.

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