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## 9) Review of Mar Chiquita meeting

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**Topic author:** aoren

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**Posted on:** 01 Feb 2012 04:02:52

#### Message:

First of all let's all thank Enrique, Erio, and their staff of helpers for the wonderful meeting. I have enjoyed every moment of it, the venue, the good science, the mid-conference excursion (some of the best meat I have tasted for a long time!). I also will not forget watching the beautiful sunset over Mar Chiquita on the day we arrived there.

Because of a technical problem with the Air France airplane on my flight to Santiago, Chile, I arrived in Cordoba the day after the official opening. I was told that our vice-president Mianping Zheng has replaced me at the opening ceremony, and I herewith thank him once more for doing so.

In my message under "President's report" I have added some further comments relating to the Mar Chiquita symposium.

### Replies:

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**Reply author:** Egor Zadereev

**Replied on:** 02 Feb 2012 07:44:26

#### Message:

I personally also enjoyed science, people and country. It was my first time in South America and I hope not last one.

Bad news that the conference did not produce printed follow-up material. I think that the question of publishing place is extremely important and should be clearly specified and ensured by next conference organisers and society board.

**Reply author:** rjellison

**Replied on:** 03 Feb 2012 06:41:37

#### Message:

Getting salt lake articles published in journals cited by the major indices (e.g. Web of Science) is crucial to advancing the visibility of salt lake research. Williams' old Int J Salt Lake Research was a valiant attempt. Hydrobiologia had served us well in the past. We had a fair chance with "Saline Systems" willing to publish our proceedings in full but it has now basically folded (see below). I think the new journal of SIL's, Inland Waters (<http://www.limnology.org/pubs/inlandwaters.shtml>) provides an excellent forum for much of our work. In the past they indicated they would be willing to devote special issues to our salt lake conferences.

Dear all,

We are delighted to inform you that Aquatic Biosystems, previously Saline Systems, has officially

relaunched this week, as of Monday the 30th January.

The journal now publishes manuscripts on all aspects of basic and applied research on aquatic organisms and environments and the new website can be found here <http://www.aquaticbiosystems.org/>. There have been several articles published since the re-launch, including an editorial by Editors-in-Chief Shiladitya DasSarma and Edward Phlips on the need for the new title, and research by Steve Ferguson and colleagues on predation behaviour of killer whales in the Canadian Arctic, which was press released and got the new journal a nice mention in Science - <http://news.sciencemag.org/sciencenow/2012/01/killer-whale-menu-finally-reveal.html>.

To help the new title get off the ground, between the 1st March and the 1st June there will be an article processing charge free period, so if authors submit to the journal they do not have pay anything. Your support as Editorial board members is vital in helping to get the new title off the ground and so please do submit your articles to the journal during this time and promote this "free" period to other colleagues and contacts you have in the field, also encouraging them to submit. We really hope that this free period of submission will attract some good articles and help to support the new title in its first few months.

We are delighted that the journal has relaunched strongly with the new title and expanded scope and look forward to receiving new submissions. We really appreciate your support of the journal as editorial board members, and any ideas you have on further journal promotion, articles/authors we should be attracting, or anything to help grow the journal's reputation in the field, please do get in touch.

Best wishes,  
Genevieve, Shil and Ed

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**Reply author:** aoren

**Replied on:** 03 Feb 2012 07:53:32

**Message:**

Being an associate editor of Aquatic Biosystems, I also received this message from Shil DasSarma and friends. The fact that there will be no handling fee for a short time gives us an interesting opportunity to use this journal for the proceedings of the Mar Chiquita meeting. If the board likes the idea, Enrique may send (without delay, as time is short) a message to all those who presented papers at the meeting (oral presentations as well as posters) and ask them who would be interested in submitting a manuscript, explaining about strict deadlines and peer review by external reviewers. If there will be sufficient interest and the manuscripts will indeed pass the peer review process, we can add a short editorial, explaining about the salt lake meeting and the society. I only hope that Shil will be more reasonable in his editorial decisions than he has been in the past; I have mixed feelings about the way he managed Saline Systems, the predecessor of the new journal, of which I also was an associate editor. In any case, if we want to use this journal now for free to publish proceedings, we have to be quick. A nice challenge for Enrique, the Editor on the board.

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**Reply author:** rjellison

**Replied on:** 03 Feb 2012 09:45:09

**Message:**

I still think the SIL's new journal "Inland Waters" is a better fit for our society. We have a longstanding association with SIL, it reaches a wide audience, it is likely to persist long into the future, its also free up to 9 pages.

check it out here

<https://www.fba.org.uk/journals/index.php/IW/about/submissions#authorGuidelines>

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**Reply author:** clitchfield

**Replied on:** 03 Feb 2012 10:26:52

**Message:**

I agree with Bob and like the SIL journal concept better. Although it is a new journal, the SIL has been around a long time and their proceedings from their meetings have been widely accepted and useful.

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**Reply author:** aoren**Replied on:** 03 Feb 2012 11:18:25**Message:**

Sounds good! Does anyone on the board have direct connections with the editors of the Inland Waters journal?

Enrique, do you want to try (after consultation with the editors of the journal) to put together a special issue dedicated to the Mar Chiquita event?

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**Reply author:** rjellison**Replied on:** 03 Feb 2012 14:12:50**Message:**

I know the editor and would be willing to discuss the topic with him but it would first be useful to know how many ms might be submitted.

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**Reply author:** Egor Zadereev**Replied on:** 05 Feb 2012 19:50:28**Message:**

I think we also might consider SILnews letter as place where we can mention ISSLR and publish once per year some note. What we can do is to synchronise activities by ISSLR with the activities of the SIL salt lake group (it seems to me just question of mentioning) - in this case it will be appropriate to use the SIL news also to mention ISSLR. I now Ramesh Gulati who is the editor of the SIL news letter. He is friendly and open person and always welcomes contribution to SIL news.

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**Reply author:** rjellison**Replied on:** 05 Feb 2012 19:52:52**Message:**

We put periodic notes in the SIL Newsletter. What I'm talking about it the new journal Inland Waters that will be their main journal and will certainly be cited by Web of Science and others in the near future.

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**Reply author:** Egor Zadereev**Replied on:** 05 Feb 2012 19:57:59**Message:**

Yes, I get the idea.

I think we can (have to?) consider this journal as place for our conference proceedings (of course if the editorial board of the journal will agree). In this case prior to the conference (China or Israel or whatever country in future) the conference organisers will inform conference participants in advance on the publishing place, requirements etc..

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**Reply author:** rjellison**Replied on:** 09 Feb 2012 09:36:07**Message:**

Are we pursuing the idea that there could be a set of papers from the Mar Chiquita conference? Erio -- do you have any idea who of the presenters would be interested?

**Reply author:** NikolayAladin

**Replied on:** 09 Feb 2012 22:01:59

**Message:**

Dear Egor Zadereev,

I would like to ask you to report about the Mar Chiquita conference in St-Petersburg at March, 1st.

I hope that you will accept this invitation.

Yours,

Nick Aladin

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