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04) President's report

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Topic author: aoren

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Posted on: 16 Jan 2014 00:51:35

Message:

My President's Report can be brief. Most of my efforts dedicated last year to the ISSLR were directed toward the upcoming symposium in "Grand Epoch City".

On September 27 I was in Beijing for another conference and I had a long discussion with Fanjing Kong and post-doctoral student Weigang Kong. They provided me with an update about the preparations, and I was very happy to see that everything is well under control, and preparations are going well. I will not provide more information here: Fanjing and colleagues can do so on the Board forum, and then we can discuss the progress. I have received satisfactory replies to most of my questions to Fanjing, but a few issues still remained open: (1) Will ISSLR members be entitled to reduced registration fees, and (2) Do the proposed registration fees include the ISSLR membership fees. I trust that these issues will be addressed on the Board meeting forum.

An interesting issue, also to be discussed further on this forum, is the availability of prizes for the best student presentations (lectures, posters). We of course have the Bill Williams Prize, financed by the society, but in addition (if I understood well), the Chinese organizers will have no less than five additional prizes for oral presentations and five additional prizes for posters, of US \$ 500 each.

And if that is not enough, yesterday I received an offer (I will disclose the source later, after I will have more details and the deal will be finalized) to provide funds (\$ 600) for yet another student prize. This will make a total of 13 awards for excellence. I can only hope that there will be sufficient excellent student presentations (oral and poster) to justify all those prizes.

If the Chinese will award prizes of \$ 500 each, I think that we will have to increase the sum of the Bill Williams Prize somewhat, so that that prize will remain the most prestigious award.

I received an offer from Ramesh Gulati, editor of SIL News, to write up a little story about the upcoming ISSLR symposium, and I gladly accepted that offer. The article, co-authored by Fanjing and Mianping, should appear in the upcoming issue of SIL News. I assume that will be the December 2013 issue, which is still not online.

Also related to the China symposium, we will have to discuss travel support for young scientists / students from outside China. In October I had an interesting correspondence with a young lady named Lucila Belen Castro. She was a helper at the Mar Chiquita symposium. I don't remember her in person, but her messages were very enthusiastic and motivated. She would like to receive support to come to China, and she even offered to assist in the organization of the event (maybe a good candidate to be nominated for the next board elections??). When later we will discuss sources for travel support, I will post parts of her messages on this forum.

There probably will be additional issues that I may present under "President's Report", but those can come later.

Replies:

Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 16 Jan 2014 01:00:38

Message:

Concerning my earlier announcement of yet another student prize to be awarded in China, I just received further details in the message below (JBRT = Journal of Biological Research Thessaloniki).

Dear Aharon,

The board of JBRT Editors has decided to allocate 600 USD as an awarded prize of excellence for a young scientist participating in the next China Symposium on Salt Lakes.

As an elected member of the ISSLR board, member of the organising committee of this Symposium and, also, one of the Editors of JBRT you are kindly requested to handle the procedure of this award the way you decide.

Thank you for your continuous support to JBRT.

With friendly regards,

Theodore

Prof. Dr. Theodore J. Abatzopoulos

EIC of JBRT (BMC/Spinger)

A very generous offer indeed! I have thanked Theodore personally (also yesterday during a telephonic conversation), but if you all agree I will also formally thank him on behalf of the entire board.

Reply author: Egor Zadereev

Replied on: 16 Jan 2014 01:17:17

Message:

Great news! I agree to formally thank Dr. Abatzopoulos on behalf of the entire board.

According to the conference web page <http://csle.cags.ac.cn/2014icslr/view-105.aspx> there are two (2) orals and two (2) posters salinology awards (not five).

Nevertheless, we have somehow to distribute widely the information that there will be several awards at the conference.

Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 16 Jan 2014 01:25:25

Message:

Two oral and two poster prizes from the Chinese organizers makes more sense. That will make seven prizes in total, and I trust we will find seven young presenters worthy to receive these awards.

Reply author: NikolayAladin

Replied on: 17 Jan 2014 00:10:05

Message:

Dear Prof. Dr. A. OREN,

I read all info and I am glad that that you would like to make Prof.Dr.W.WILLIAMS prize to have more money than other prizes.

Prof.Dr.R.GULATI already published in Silnews 163 an information about our meeting in China.

Announcement of 12th International Conference on

Salt Lake Research – July 14- 18, Langfang City, China

He also published in the same Silnews 163 our short paper about Balkhash Lake:"Lake Balkhash, Kazakhstan: Can we predict

its future from our knowledge of the past and present developments?"

You could read Silnews 163 at URL:

<http://www.limnology.org/news/silnews63.pdf>

Have a nice reading

Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 17 Jan 2014 00:48:56

Message:

Dear Nick,

Thanks for the link. I was also pleased to see the obituary for Tommy Berman in that issue.

Reply author: NikolayAladin

Replied on: 17 Jan 2014 01:19:19

Message:

It is really very good that Ramesh in Silnews published Obituaries about Jürgen Benndorf (1941- 2011), Tom Berman (1934-2013) and Ruth Patrick (1907-2013).

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