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Dear Dr Betty J. Eidemiller,

The International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS) will hold an Executive Committee meeting in Rome, Italy from 22nd - 23rd September 2011.

The International Association of Environmental Mutagen Societies, as an IUBS Scientific Member is welcome to send a representative to attend the IUBS EC meeting at its own expense. The agenda will be sent to you one month before the meeting.

I would also like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to two IUBS activities:

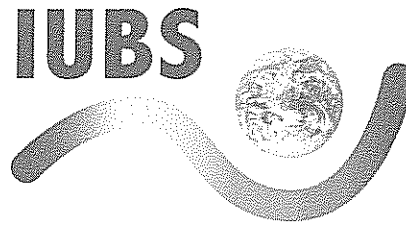
- IUBS awards, two funds (each up to a total of 10 000€ per year); a young scientists fund and conference sponsorship fund. If you are interested in applying for this funding, please contact the secretariat for further information.

- The 31st IUBS GA will be held in Suzhou, China from 5th - 9th July 2012. The first announcement is included in this mailing, and mentions a call for symposia participants. If you would like to contribute to the symposia then please contact Dr. Wenuha Xiong (iszs@ioz.ac.cn), before the deadline of the 31st August 2011.

With best wishes,

Dr. Nathalie Fomproix
IUBS Executive Director





Promoting biological sciences for a better life

The 31st IUBS General Assembly and Conference on Biological Sciences and Bio-industry

Suzhou, China, 5th -9th July 2012

Hosted by:

International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS)
Bureau of Life Sciences and Biotechnology, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), China
Bureau of International Cooperation, CAS, China
Department of International Affairs, China Association for Science and Technology, China

Organized by:

IUBS
and
China National Committee for International Union of Biological Sciences (CCIUBS)
International Society of Zoological Sciences (ISZS)
Institute of Zoology, CAS, China
Institute of Genetics and Developmental Biology, CAS, China
The People's Government of Wuzhong District, Suzhou, China

Agenda

1. IUBS General Assembly

IUBS General Assemblies represent the highest authority to discuss the Union's programmes, activities, finances and collaborations, and to approve future plan of action, as well as to elect the IUBS Officers and Executive Committee Members for the next triennium (2012-15).

IUBS Ordinary and Scientific Members are welcome to send more than one delegate to the General Assembly. However, there will be only one vote per Member at the Assembly.

GA Activities

- IUBS Reports
- Officer/EC Meetings
- Scientific Committee Meetings
- Scientific Research Program Meetings
- Elections

For further information, please contact, Dr. Nathalie Fomproix (English and French; nfomproix@iubs.org) in Paris, France.

2. Symposia on Biological Sciences

As the only international body that covers all disciplines of biological sciences, the IUBS hosts and organizes international symposia in tandem with its GA so as to provide an opportunity for the international biological community to exchange information, discuss interdisciplinary studies and promote international collaboration in scientific research programs. Topics are selected on the basis of originality and feasibility, as well as their relevance with respect to the IUBS mission.

Tentative Topics

- Climate Change Biology
- Biodiversity and Conservation Biology
- Mutualism and Evolution
- Genomics and Evolution
- Palaeontology and Evolution
- Wildlife Diseases
- Biological Security
- Bioenergy
- Genetic Resources Acquisition and Sharing
- Synthetic Biology
- Nanobiology
- Stem Cell and Reproductive Medicine
- Biocomputation
- Bioethics/Biological Education
- Nature Heritage and Conservation

Call for Symposia Organizers

Each symposium during the GA will have at least 8 speakers, with abstracts of the speeches published in the program book. Selected papers may be published in *Biology International* (<http://biologyinternational.org>) or *Integrative Zoology* ([http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/\(ISSN\)1749-4877](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1749-4877)), which are the official journals of the IUBS and ISZS, respectively. If you are interested in organizing a symposium from the above-mentioned symposia, or want to organize a new one relevant to this conference, please contact Dr. Wenhua Xiong (English and Chinese; iszszs@ioz.ac.cn) before 30 August 2011. Posters are also available for presentation during the conference. For publication in *Integrative Zoology*, please contact Dr Wenhua Xiong (xiongwh@ioz.ac.cn), in *Biology International*, please contact Dr John Junck (jungck@beloit.edu).

3. Sessions for Bioindustry

In recent years, biological sciences and biotechnologies have played key roles in shaping the world's economy. Bioindustry is emerging as a new driving force of the world's economic growth and recovery, especially after the recent world financial crisis. To a greater extent, the development of bioindustry is bringing new hopes for food safety, clean energy and healthy environments. With these circumstances in mind, the IUBS, during this GA, will endeavor to promote collaborations between institutions, companies and scientists, and to push forward the development of bioindustry and bioeconomy, by organizing special sessions on bioindustry. This action is also a best-practice for the IUBS as it realizes its mission: Promoting biological sciences for a better life.

Tentative Topics

- Biomedicine
- Molecular breeding
- Bioenergy
- Biomaterials
- Green Biotechnology
- Marine Biotechnology
- Research Equipment and Material
- Medical Equipment and Devices

Call for Organizers and Exhibitors

Presentations on policy, new product development and technology will be organized in the above sessions. Institutions and companies are welcome and invited to join in and organize the sessions. Posters are also available for presentation during the sessions. For those who are interested in becoming an organizer or exhibitor, including organizing a workshop or symposium (at least 8 speakers), please contact Dr. Chunxu Han (English and Chinese; isz2@ioz.ac.cn) before the deadline of 30 August 2011.

Registration Fees

The registration fee for the GA and conference is US\$350 for ordinary attendees and US\$200 for students, and accompanying guests (who will not attend the sessions). Extra fees are charged for those who want to exhibit products or devices at the exhibition hall (detailed information to be released). The registration fee above shall not cover the local transportation, meal, accommodation or insurance. Insurance during the meeting must be self-arranged. The registration fee for the current IUBS EC members and one representative for each IUBS member will be waived.

Information on Suzhou

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suzhou>

<http://www.szwz.gov.cn/zjwz/wzsj.htm>

<http://www.szwz.gov.cn/tzzn/english>

<http://www.eng.suzhou.gov.cn/english/index.shtml>

Program Overview

Date	Activities
4 July 2012	Whole-day Registration <i>14.00-18.00: Officers and EC Meetings</i>
5 July 2012	<i>9.00-10.30: Opening Ceremony</i> <i>10.30-10.45: Tea Break</i> <i>10.45-12.00: IUBS Business Reports</i> <i>12.00-14.00: Lunch</i> <i>14.00-18.00: IUBS Ad Hoc Committee Meetings</i> <i>Workshops for Scientific Programs</i> <i>18.00-20.00: Dinner/plenary speech</i>
6 July 2012	<i>9.00-18.00: Symposia/sessions</i>
7 July 2012	<i>9.00-18.00: Symposia/sessions</i>
8 July 2012	<i>9.00-12.00: IUBS Business and Closing Ceremony</i> <i>14.00-18.00: New IUBS EC Meeting</i>
9 July 2012	Local Tour or Departure
10-12 July 2012	BioEd 2012

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Conference Website

<http://www.iubs.org/iubs/nextGA.html>

