

**Minutes of the 13th Annual General Meeting
of Species 2000
held at
Naturalis, Netherlands
on 22nd November 2011**

Present:

Officers: V P Canhos (Director & CRIA), A W Gray (Director / Company Secretary), P H Schalk (In the Chair, Chairman of Directors & ETI), D. Eades (Director & The Opthopterists' Society), G. Baillargeon (via Skype)

Representatives of Members:

Chris Lyal (proxy vote for NHM), Ward Appeltans (SMEBD & proxy vote for EcoServe), Christina Flann (WU), Paul Schoolmeesters (Individual & proxy vote for TSJ BVBA), Paul Kirk (CABI), Nicola Nicholson (proxy vote for RBG Kew), Andrew Jones (proxy vote for Cardiff University), Richard White (proxy vote for ILDIS), Sara Oldfield (BGCI), Jan van Tol (UNESCO-IOC), David Remsen (GBIF), David Ouvrard (proxy vote for MNHN Paris), David Eades (The Opthopterists' Society), Peter Schalk (Individual & ETI), Vanderlei Perez Canhos (CRIA)

12 voters plus 6 proxy voters. 18 voters in total

Others:

Yuri Roskov (University of Reading), Wouter Addink (ETI), Viktoras Didziulis (University of Reading), Magdalena Sitko (University of Reading), Jeyaraney Kathirithamby, Craig Hilton-Taylor (IUCN), Nicole de Vgood (UvA), Stephane Riviere (EBI), Miguel Angel Alonso Zarazaga (CSIC MADRID)

Apologies: Norman Platnick (SpidCat), Jacob den Heyer (Individual), Keping Ma (CAS), Mark Costello (EcoServe), Michael Dadd (Individual), Nigel Robinson (Thomson Reuters), John Oswald (Individual), David Schindel (CBOL), Alex Hardisty (Cardiff University), Jim Zarruchi (ILDIS), Peter Uetz (EMBL Reptile Database)

1. The Chair was taken by Dr Schalk.
2. The Members agreed to take the Notice convening the Meeting as read.
3. The meeting paid attention to the sudden death of Prof F. Bisby, founder of Species 2000 and an excellent ambassador for the Catalogue of Life. Two minutes of silence were observed in his memory.
4. The Minutes of the 12th Annual General Meeting held at the European Commission, Brussels, on 2th September 2010, were approved.
5. The Report of the Directors and the Accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st December 2010 having been circulated; the Members agreed that the Report and the Accounts could be taken as read. A question was asked about the mechanism of the Rotating Fund, which was explained by Prof A. Gray, Treasurer. A report was given by C Lyal on the use of the Rotating Fund grant at the Natural History museum. Other reports were received on paper.

6. The following Resolution was duly proposed and passed unanimously:

That the Accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st December 2010, and the Report of the Directors thereon, are hereby approved and adopted. *Votes: 18 for, 0 against, 0 abstain.*

7. The following Resolution was duly proposed and passed unanimously:

That Professor David Eades be elected as a Director of the Company in accordance with Article 38 of the Articles of Association. *Votes: 18 for, 0 against, 0 abstain.*

8. The Chairman and Company Secretary concluded by reminding those present that Species 2000 is controlled by its Members and invited those who had not already joined to do so, either through their institutions or as individuals.

9. The Chairman declared the meeting closed.