

**Minutes of the 6th Annual General Meeting
of Species 2000
held at
The Smithsonian Institution, USA
on 7th May 2004**

Present:

Officers : F A Bisby (Executive Director), V P Canhos (Chairman of Directors),
K L Wilson (Director)

Representatives of Members : F A Bisby (Personal Member), T Bourgoin (Mus. Nat.
Hist. Nat., Paris), D Eades (Orthopterists' Society), R J White (ILDIS), K L Wilson
(IOPI).

Others : L Blaine (ATCC), V P Canhos (CRIA), S Kimani (Species 2000),
M Ruggiero (ITIS; CoL partner).

Apologies : M N Dadd, P H Schalk, and all other Members

1. The Chair was taken by Prof Canhos.
2. The Members agreed to take the Notice convening the Meeting as read.
3. The Minutes of the 5th Annual General Meeting held at the University of Reading on 8 May 2003 were approved. [Proposed IOPI, Seconded Bisby]
4. The Report of the Directors and the Accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st December 2003 having been circulated, the Members agreed that the Report and the Accounts could be taken as read.
5. The following Resolutions were duly proposed and passed unanimously:

That the Accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st December 2003, and the Report of the Directors thereon, are hereby approved and adopted. [Proposed IOPI, Seconded Orthopterists' Society]

That Messrs Sinnett & Co be reappointed as Auditors of the Company, to hold office as prescribed under the Companies Acts. [Proposed Bisby, Seconded ILDIS]

Following the formal meeting the Chairman and Executive Director then presented brief additional Reports on the activities of the Company during the year and plans for the future, which were discussed by the Members.

Notable events / issues were:

- a) employment of several people on behalf of the Secretariat in Reading;

- b) the signing of an MOU with ITIS in Tsukuba, Japan, on 6 October 2003, to formalise the partnership to produce the Catalogue of Life;
- c) signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation in December 2003 (simultaneously in Copenhagen, Reading and Washington) between GBIF and the CoL partnership, to facilitate sharing of CoL data with the GBIF network;

The MoC sets out conditions for the availability of CoL data to the GBIF network and its nodes, particularly the need for GBIF to publicly give three levels of credit for any data record displayed, and that any requests from third parties for sublicensing must be referred to the CoL partners for approval.

- d) signing of a contract with GBIF on 27 February 2004 in Copenhagen, for the provision of funding (amount to be agreed annually) to increase the number of species added to the CoL in the period 2004-2006 by 100 000 species over and above the 300 000 added by the partners through other funding.
- e) The urgent need for short-term funding to sustain the Secretariat, and the broad question of how to fund Species 2000 beyond 2006. If the CoL is to be completed (i.e. the estimated 1.75 million extant species all accounted for) by June 2011, then serious funding will be needed beyond the end of the current EU grant and the GBIF contract. Members noted that the Directors will consider this matter further during the coming year.