

Minutes of the 8th Annual General Meeting of Species 2000 held at Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France on 26th May 2006

Present:

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

Representatives of Members: W Berendsohn (IOPI), T Bourgoin (MNHN, Paris), C Gallut (CIPA), E vanden Berghe (ERMS).

Proxies: V P Canhos (Director) and M N Dadd (Director / personal member), both to P H Schalk, J Zarucchi (ILDIS) to R J White, M Guiry (AlgaeBase) and J van Tol (Naturalis, Leiden) both to F A Bisby; M Costello (SMEBD and EcoServe) both to E vanden Berghe.

Others: G Tavakilian (TITAN, Paris), F Busson (representing R Froese, personal member), A Anta (MNHN, Paris), P Brewer (Sp2000 Secretariat, Reading), E Chenin (IRD, Orléans), S Condé (ETC/BD, MNHN-EEA), J Le Renard (MNHN, Paris), P Mergen (NBGB and RMCA, Belgium), A Odent (Univ. Paris 6, Paris), Y Roskov (Sp2000 Secretariat, Reading), A Soulier-Perkins (MNHN, Paris), R Vignes (Univ. Paris 6, Paris).

Apologies: V P Canhos (Director), M N Dadd (Director), and all other Members

- 1. The Chair was taken by Dr Schalk.
- 2. The Members agreed to take the Notice convening the Meeting as read.
- 3. The Minutes of the 7th Annual General Meeting held at the Suncrest Hotel, Qawara, Malta, on 16th March 2005, were approved.
- 4. The Report of the Directors and the Accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st December 2005 having been circulated, the Members agreed that the Report and the Accounts could be taken as read.
- 5. The following Resolution was duly proposed and passed unanimously:

That the Accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st December 2005, and the Report of the Directors thereon, are hereby approved and adopted.



Following the formal meeting the Chairman and others 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 and others present. Copies of the Powerpoint presentations would be placed on the Species 2000 website.

- a) Dr Schalk Half of all known species: Species 2000 and the Catalogue of Life
- b) Prof Bisby Species 2000 and the continuing europa regional programme
- c) Dr Roskov 880,000 species in the 2006 Annual Checklist
- d) Dr Van den Berghe The European Register of Marine Species: its governance and integration in global initiatives
- e) Dr Cyril Gallut Proposals for further functionality for the Dynamic Checklist

The Chairman and Executive Director concluded by thanking the very committed staff at the secretariats, the partners and contributors to the Catalogue of Life. The Chairman reminded those present that Species 2000 is controlled by its Members and invited those who had not already joined to do so.