

**Minutes of the 9th Annual General Meeting
of Species 2000
held at
The University of Reading, UK
on 30th March 2007**

Present:

Officers : F A Bisby (Executive Director), V P Canhos (Director), M N Dadd (Director / Company Secretary), A W Gray (Director), P H Schalk (Chairman of Directors & ETI), K L Wilson (Director & IOPI)

Representatives of Members : T Bourgoin (MNHN, Paris), E vanden Berghe (SMEBD, also representing VLIZ, OBIS), D Eades (Orthopterists' Society), C Hussey (NHM London), P Kirk (CABI), K Ma (Inst Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences), A Paton (RBG Kew), M Seddon (Natn Museum of Wales), R White (ILDIS, proxy for J Zarucchi)

Others : R Allkin (RBG Kew), G Baillargeon (ITIS), P Brewer (Sp2000 Secretariat), B H Buiya (Biodiversity Research Group of Bangladesh), M Brugman (ETI), L Ji (Inst Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences), A Jones (Univ Cardiff, UK), L Marinoni (UFPR, Brazil), S Medvedev (Zool Inst, Russian Academy of Sciences), D Meirte (Royal Museum for Central Africa, Belgium), T Orrell (ITIS), L Paglinawan (Worldfish Center), H Qin (Inst Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences), Y Roskov (Sp2000 Secretariat), M Ruggiero (ITIS), D Schindel (CBOL), S Vicario (CNR Italy Bari), J Wall (RBG Kew)

Apologies : 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 8th Annual General Meeting held at the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France, on 26th May 2006, were approved.
4. The Report of the Directors and the Accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st December 2006 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 2006, and the Report of the Directors thereon, are hereby approved and adopted.
6. The following Resolution was duly proposed and passed unanimously :

That Professor William Alexander Gray be re-elected as a Director of the Company in accordance with Article 38 of the Articles of Association.

7. The Members received a report from the Executive Director, outlining opportunities for support for the activities of the company by providing services to commercial organisations. The present licensing agreements with the database custodians, developed as part of the Species 2000 europa project, did not currently permit such use, and the Directors were seeking the support of the Members to change these agreements on the understanding that any income would be distributed between the company and the custodians on an agreed basis. The Members present wholeheartedly supported this proposal.
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.