

International Society for Diatom Research

General Meeting (22nd Symposium, 14th General meeting) – Ghent – IDS 2012

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1. Meeting Attendance

c. 80 members present

Apologies received from: Viv Jones, Steve Juggins, Mike Sullivan

2. Minutes of the 14th General Meeting

Minutes of the last General Meeting, held at the 21st International Symposium in St Pauls, August 2010, were approved.

Matters Arising

- a) The annual subscription was raised to £40 at the last meeting in 2010, will remain at the same rate for 2013-14
- b) The transfer from Biopress to Taylor and Francis now complete
- c) The possible change to Incorporated Status for the ISDR Charity was discussed at the ISDR Council meeting on Sunday and it was recommended to postpone until the ongoing financial commitments to Biopress are complete.

3. Deceased members

The meeting marks the passing of the following members: -

Keith B. Clarke (August 2010); Vladimir Nikolaev; Frank Round (November 2010); Reimer Simonsen (July 2012); Eugene F. Stoermer (February 2012); Bjørg Stabell (2010)

4. President's Report (David Mann)

The most important development for the Society during the last two years has been the transfer of Diatom Research from Biopress to Taylor & Francis. The first half year of my presidency was dominated by this changeover and I would like to pay tribute to the hard work and prompt actions of Sarah Davies, Suzanne McGowan and Koen Sabbe during the final negotiations with Biopress and the new publishers. Without this, we could not have made the change in time for publication of Diatom Research in 2011. The issue that caused most delay was that the Society did not own copyright to Diatom Research and had to come to an arrangement with Biopress to buy the title. By the time this had been agreed, there was very little time to agree procedures and styles with Taylor & Francis, who were waiting to sign a new contract. I would like to record my thanks to Gill and Tony Lockett (Biopress) for their understanding and constructive attitude during the negotiations to transfer ownership of the title to the Society and transfer of operational matters to the editors and new publisher; and to the Taylor & Francis team for their patience while the Society's officers and Biopress completed the formal handover. I am also immensely grateful to our editors, Michel Poulin and Karen Serieyssel, and their team of Associate Editors – a very important and new component of the editorial process – for overseeing the change to a very different publishing model. This has involved a great deal of adjustment and hard work.

The Society is now sole owner of Diatom Research and this, at least in the short- to medium-term, will represent the principal source of income for the Society. The journal's health and success will therefore have a very major effect on the Society's well-being. Taylor & Francis publishes the journal on behalf of the Society, with a guaranteed financial return from sales (which include both single-journal sales of Diatom Research and sales in which Diatom Research is bundled with other T&F journals). This should give the Society a sound financial

basis, as long as the journal contains high quality papers and its publication is timely. In future, therefore, the Society should be able, if it wishes (through its Council), to give significant support to students or symposia, or perhaps finance diatom-related research, educational initiatives, etc, in a way that has not been possible previously, when income was dependent solely on subscriptions; these did not even cover the costs of publishing the journal in some recent years. The potential for the Society can be illustrated by considering other societies that own relatively high-impact, widely distributed journals, such as the Federation of European Microbiological Societies (owners of the FEMS journals), or the British Phycological Society (owner of Eur. J. Phycol.), who use the income from their journals to provide funds for small research projects and to support specialist publications and outreach, as well as (in the case of FEMS) giving generous support to members to attend meetings. These possibilities will, I'm sure, begin to be discussed by your next President and the Council you have elected, and I hope they will receive from you many suggestions concerning the kind of Society we want and the kinds of things it should do. I regret that I have not initiated this strategic process myself with the 2010–12 Council. As usual, I undertook more than I could achieve.

Finally, some further thanks and retrospectives. Koen Sabbe and the other organizers in Ghent, Brussels, and elsewhere have been working immensely hard to put together the Diatom Symposium. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude for offering to host the meeting, developing the programme, and making all the arrangements. I am sure it will be a great success. Sarah Davies (Secretary), Suzanne McGowan (Treasurer), Koen Sabbe (Past President) and Regine Jahn (President-Elect) have kept the Society's business moving during 2011 and 2012; without them, very little would have happened. Ailsa Marks and her team at Taylor & Francis have also been most cooperative and flexible and understanding.

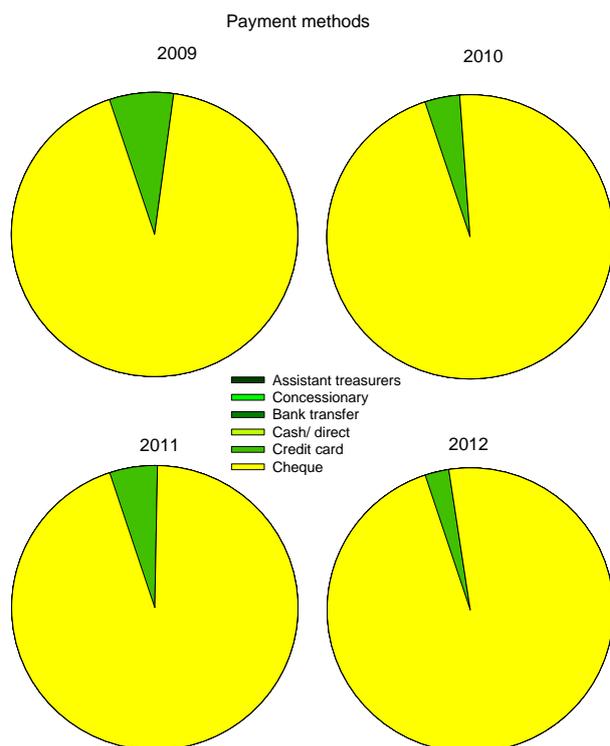
During the last two years, several of the older generation of diatomists have died, including Frank Round, who was central in the establishment of the Society and its journal, and Gene Stoermer, father figure in N American diatomology and also one of Diatom Research's founding editors. Both, of course, also made enormous and important contributions via their publications and teaching. We have recently heard too that Reimer Simonsen has died: Reimer played a key role in founding and promoting the series of Symposia that we continue today in Ghent, besides developing the Hustedt Collection and providing an enviable model for diatom taxonomists in the catalogues he produced for the type specimens of Hustedt and Heiden. We remember them and thank them for their contributions and inspiration.

Comments: Jeff Jefferson offered thanks to David Mann for his service as President of ISDR

5. Treasurer's Report (Suzanne McGowan)

a) Assistant Treasurers & collection of subscriptions

I would like to express thanks to the assistant treasurers over the past two years: Norman Andresen, Eugen Rott, Christine Cocquyt, Michèle A. De Sève, Dr Patrick Rioual, Karen Serieyssel, Hein de Wolf, Hidekazu Suzuki, Jorunn Larsen, Andrzej Witkowski, Gloria Vilaclara Fatjo, Urve Miller, Francois Straub and Regine Jahn. Credit card payments now constitute over one third of all subscription payments, and appear to have stabilized at this level between 2011-12. Assistant treasurers still collect half of all subscriptions and are particularly helpful in countries where credit cards are difficult, and in chasing up late payers.



The costs for the credit card facility were £101 (in 2010) £191 (in 2011) including the use of the Web interface Worldpay and the credit card processing facility Streamline. This is based on a minimum monthly charge and a cost per transaction. For comparison bank charges of £50 (in 2010) and £44 (in 2011) were levied for a much smaller number of bank transfers (<14) and so the costs per transaction for credit card payments are less than for bank transfers.

b) Financial statement & accounts

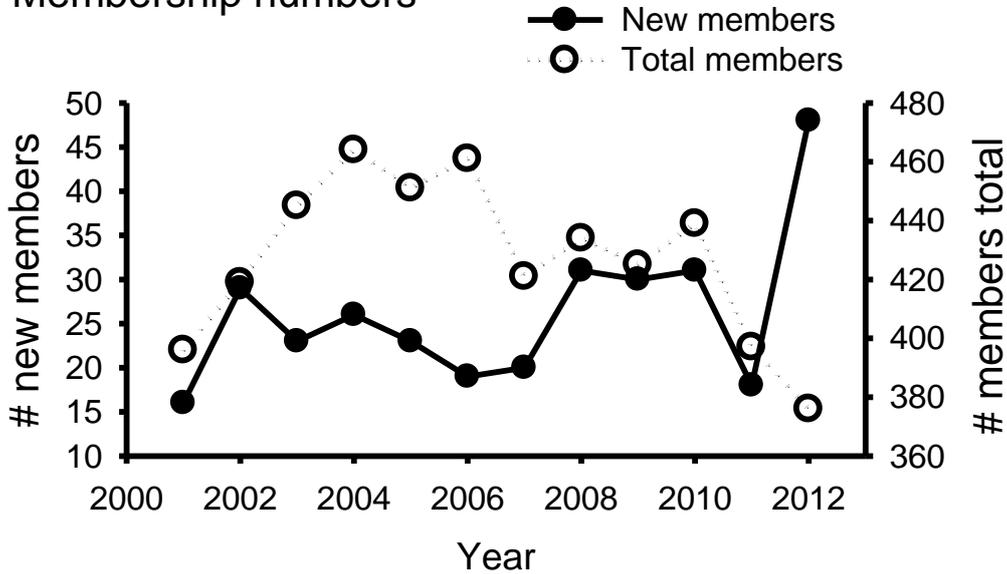
Financial statements and accounts for 2010 and 2011 are appended. The 2010 returns have been submitted to the Charity Commission, and the 2011 returns will be returned shortly (before the October 2012 deadline). A change in the Charity Commission rules means that it is not necessary for an independent examiner to check the accounts if the income of the Society is less than £25,000 per annum: *“Charities with gross income of £25,000 or less are not generally required to have any form of external scrutiny”* <http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/publications/cc31.aspx#b>. I would like to register thanks to Bob Taft who served as an independent examiner for the Society from 2007-09. Accounts are available to members of the Council and Society for further examination if necessary.

c) Membership

The total number of members has declined since 2009 to 397 (in 2010) and 376 (in 2011); the 2012 numbers will likely be added to as some late subscriptions are still coming in. This decline in members coincided with the increase in subscription rate and the transition to the new publisher with the new journal format. However, it is not necessarily the case that the two are linked. Another probable issue is that the transition to the new journal meant that the 2011 issue went out very late in the year and because of the lack of the journal the Secretary and Treasurers felt unable to pursue non-payers as actively as they might have done. The low number of members appears to have persisted until 2012, and yet there has been a very marked increase in new member enrollment in 2012 (48 new members), possibly associated with the 2012 Symposium. As well as regular subscribers, the annual numbers of student members was 24 (in 2010), 13 (in 2011) and 25 (in 2012) and again is likely boosted in Symposium years by students registering for the conference. Given the

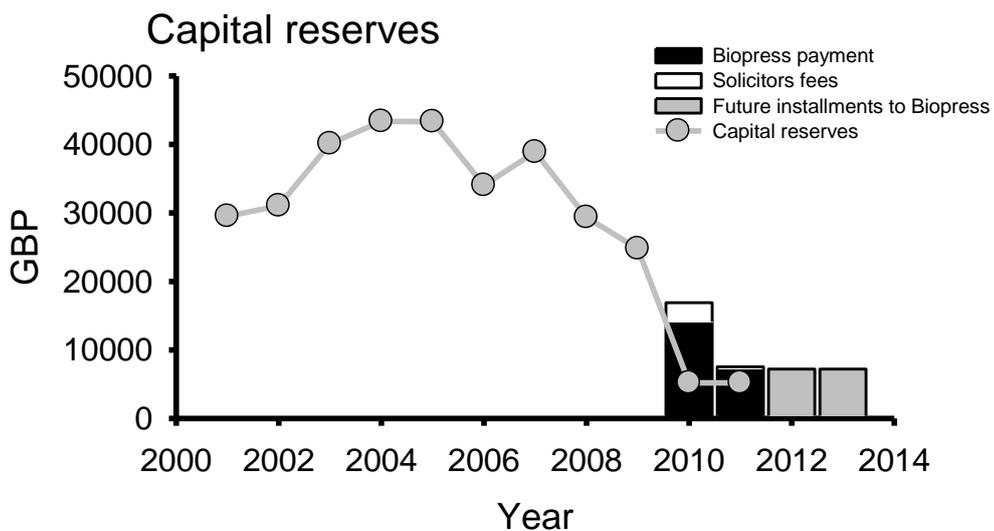
increase in new members for 2012, the decline in total member numbers likely reflects the fact that existing members are not renewing and therefore the Society/ Taylor & Francis probably need to invest more effort in retention of members. Improved/ automated communication with members would assist in this respect.

Membership numbers



d) Change of publishers- financial terms and conditions

Under the terms of an agreement finalized on 9 December 2010, ISDR agreed to pay Biopress £30,000 +VAT to purchase the copyright of Diatom Research from Biopress. The payments were to be spread over four years with an initial payment of £12,000 (plus VAT = £14,100) in December 2010 followed by three annual payments of £6,000 (plus VAT = £7200). The initial down-payment led to the depletion of the society's capital reserves which now stand at £5200.



On the 9th December 2010 ISDR also signed a seven-year agreement with Taylor and Francis (T&F) whereby the Society receives a royalty of £2500 per annum and 25% of the sales receipts relating to

the journal (excluding those of members); the 2011 sales royalty received in Feb 2012 was £420.40. ISDR has agreed to £20 (+VAT) per volume of Diatom Research to T&F and so the total journal charges for 2011 were £7580 (paid in April 2012). The total subscriptions income to ISDR for 2011 was £13,373.

Financial balance for one journal year (2011) following the new T&F deal. N.B. transactions are split between financial years in the appended financial reports.

Income	£	Outgoings	£	Profit
Royalty	2500	Biopress	7200	
25% royalty	420.40	Journal charges	7580	
Subscriptions	13,373			
Total	16,293		14,780	£1,513

The figures for 2011 show that during a year of low membership, ISDR still managed to make a profit of £1,513. Once the final payment to Biopress is made in 2013 the annual profit should increase to ~£9000, and this would be higher if membership numbers increased. Therefore the Society might want to consider planning how it would like to invest this money into the promotion and benefit of diatom research after 2013 (awards/ grants, student support for conferences?- a point for discussion in the Council meeting).

e) Change of Treasurer

After six years in the role of Treasurer, I would like to pass over this role to someone else. This role requires a UK-based diatomist to administer the banking. Keely Mills, a long-standing member of ISDR who will take up an academic position at Loughborough University in November 2012 has expressed a willingness to take on this role and so I would like to propose to Council that Keely takes over as Treasurer. I would very much like to express thanks to the many colleagues who have helped in this job including the last treasurer Liz Haworth, the existing and past secretaries Sarah Davies & Viv Jones, the presidents Andrzej Witkowski, Koen Sabbe and David Mann, webmaster Steve Juggins, those involved with the publishing side of things (Gill Lockett and Gill Mundy) and all the local treasurers.

Comments: Thanks from Karen Serieysson to Suzanne for her work as treasurer.

6. Secretary's Report (Sarah Davies)

Change of Treasurer

Since taking over as secretary of ISDR, I have worked closely with Suzanne McGowan as Treasurer. As Suzanne steps down from her role, I would like to thank her for all the hard work that she has put in for the society over the last few years and in particular for the support that she has given me as secretary. Suzanne has proposed Keely Mills for the role of Treasurer. I am happy to support her nomination and subject to council approval, I look forward to working with Keely in the future.

Change of Publisher

The months following the last IDS and council meeting in 2010 were largely taken up with completing the details of the transfer of Diatom Research from Biopress to Taylor and Francis. We instructed Mr Bernard Nyman a specialist publishing lawyer to act on behalf of ISDR. His advice on the legalities of the agreements with both Biopress and Taylor and Francis was invaluable. As agreed at the last council and general meetings, ISDR now own

Diatom Research and have entered into a seven year contract with Taylor and Francis to publish the journal on our behalf. I would like to thank Suzanne McGowan, Koen Sabbe, David Mann and Viv Jones for their help and contribution to discussions while this process was going on. Bernie Nyman our lawyer was very helpful indeed and we are grateful for additional advice provided without extra charges and for the discounted rates that he offered on account of our charitable status. Thanks are also due to Gill Lockett of Biopress and Lynsey Dixon and subsequently Ailsa Marks of Taylor and Francis for their co-operation and support during this period of transition.

Charitable Status

ISDR is a UK charity with two trustees – the Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer. During the negotiations regarding the change of publisher, it emerged that as signatories to contracts made on behalf of the society, there may be an issue of personal liability (e.g. for debts incurred). This has been resolved on a temporary basis through the purchase of an annual indemnity policy, which protects the trustees from being held personally responsible when acting on behalf of the society. A longer term solution however, would be to make the change to incorporated status. This would mean that specific individuals are not personally liable as the legal entity becomes the incorporated charity. To do this would involve registering ISDR as a company. This is something that we may wish to consider pursuing and further details are available at the Charity Commission website:

http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/Charity_requirements_guidance/Charity_governance/Good_governance/incqanda.aspx#c1

Journal Circulation, Back copies and IDS proceedings

Circulation of printed copies of Diatom Research to members has now transferred to Taylor and Francis. There was a substantial delay in production during 2011 owing to the timing of the final agreement and the transition to new arrangements. The timing has been much improved in 2012 although subscriptions have dropped a little, possibly as a result of the delays. There have been some issues with members not receiving their copies but these have been resolved quickly with Taylor and Francis. Late payers details are forwarded to Taylor and Francis so that they receive their copies as soon as possible after payment. I would like to thank Suzanne McGowan for her efforts on maintaining the membership list and Gillian Mundy at Taylor and Francis for her help with queries regarding mailings and online access.

As part of the agreement with Taylor and Francis, the full back catalogue has been scanned and is now accessible to members online along with current issues. There was some delay in establishing this and providing access to all members. Members should have been informed by email about how to access the journal online. There have been a number of queries regarding online access as not everyone appeared to have received this information. I still receive occasional queries regarding online access which are resolved easily with the help of Gill Mundy.

When we acquired Diatom Research from Biopress, we also obtained their surplus stock of hard copies. Combined with our own stock of back copies, we have a considerable surplus. There are only limited copies available of volumes 1-11 and in some cases no spare copies. The online archive is therefore a valuable resource, but given its availability it does limit the necessity for people to buy back copies. We have occasional requests for back copies so that people can complete their collections, but this may decline further. We therefore have a

substantial surplus of recent Biopress volumes. I have not been able to do a stock take, but will do so before the end of the year and report to Council.

Similar to the back copy of DR issue, we also have a substantial number of proceedings volumes, having sold only a handful in the last two years. This is despite offering a discounted rate of £50 for proceedings of IDS 18 and 19 together (£30 each).

2012 Council elections

Following the call for nominations, 5 nominations were received for Vice President and 10 nominations were received for Council membership. Of these, some were not currently members or declined to participate. The final list is 3 candidates for Vice President: Richard Jordan, Linda Medlin and Marina Potapova. There are 8 candidates for membership of Council: Bank Beszteri, Evelyn Gaiser, Sarah Hamsher, Shikegi Mayama, Tamotsu Nagumo, Geraldine Reid, Eugenia Sar and Akihiro Tuji.

All members were contacted by email with the ballot paper and I followed up with a reminder a week before the closing date. For those members whose email details we do not have, hard copies were sent by airmail. A substantial number of those votes sent back to me electronically took up the suggestion to send in pdf format for increased security. A small number of members returned their ballots by post and 1 took the opportunity to return it in a double sealed envelope. Election results are reported below.

Location of 2014 and 2016 IDS

An offer to hold the 2014 IDS had been made by Jonathan Taylor (South Africa) but this was withdrawn due to a change in circumstances. Isabel Israde (Mexico) has also expressed an interest in holding the symposium in Morelia. She sent some preliminary information and was asked to provide some more detail on likely costs and advised that a larger local organising committee would be needed. Further information will be circulated to council if it is received. An offer from Chinese colleagues has been made with the help of John Anderson (Loughborough, UK). The proposal is to hold the IDS in Nanjing. John and his colleagues have visited a number of possible venues. The main issue at present is timing – the last week in August is taken up with a large athletics meet, so the dates of the IDS in 2014 would need to be shifted. I am awaiting an update from John and will be able to report further at the meeting.

Offers for 2016 were received from James Nienow and A. S. K . Prasad (Florida) and Reinhard Pienitz (Quebec City). Reinhard is unable to be in Ghent, but is sending a video presentation. Tamotsu Nagumo and colleagues have also expressed an interest in hosting a future symposium in Japan, likely 2018.

7. Editors' Report (Karen Serieyssol and Michel Poulin)

The last two years have been very difficult for both editors-in chief. Pat Kociolek resigned at the last meeting and Michel Poulin replaced him. At the same time as you know, we changed publishers and entered a long and difficult process of moving from one publisher and another. In moving from Biopress to Taylor and Francis, the journal changed print size which complicated all of the plates that were in the system. A new format for the journal and instructions to author was rewritten and put in effect. We also had to develop a list of prospective associated editor, contact them for their agreement to accept the position and

then set up the new system of review. We had to learn how to work the online system, which is still in flex and needs further work.

Of major concern to us is the change in the Impact Factor that has dropped from 1.030 to 0.656. Our rank has moved down in rank from 76/97 in Marine and Freshwater Biology (previously 58/93). It appears to me that there are several reasons for this drop. The process of changing to Taylor and Francis which took a lot longer than I think anyone thought it would take.

We dropped from 1.030 to 0.656 in the Impact factor (IF) partly due to the change over process.

Mark	Journal Title	ISSN	Total Cites	Impact Factor	5-Year Impact Factor	Immediacy Index	Citable Items	Cited Half-life	Citing Half-life
<input type="checkbox"/>	DIATOM RES	0269-249X	421	0.656	0.863	0.065	31	9.5	≥10.0

To put it context, the drop in IF from 2010 to 2011 is only due to a decrease of approximately 20 citations.

Cities in 2011 to times published in: 2010 = 15	Number of items published in 2010 = 33
2009 = <u>27</u>	2009 = <u>31</u>
Sum: 42	Sum: 64

Calculation: $\frac{\text{Cites to recent items } 42}{\text{Number of recent items } 64} = 0.656$

In the last three years, papers published in 2008 have received more citations than papers from any other single year. These highly cited papers are:

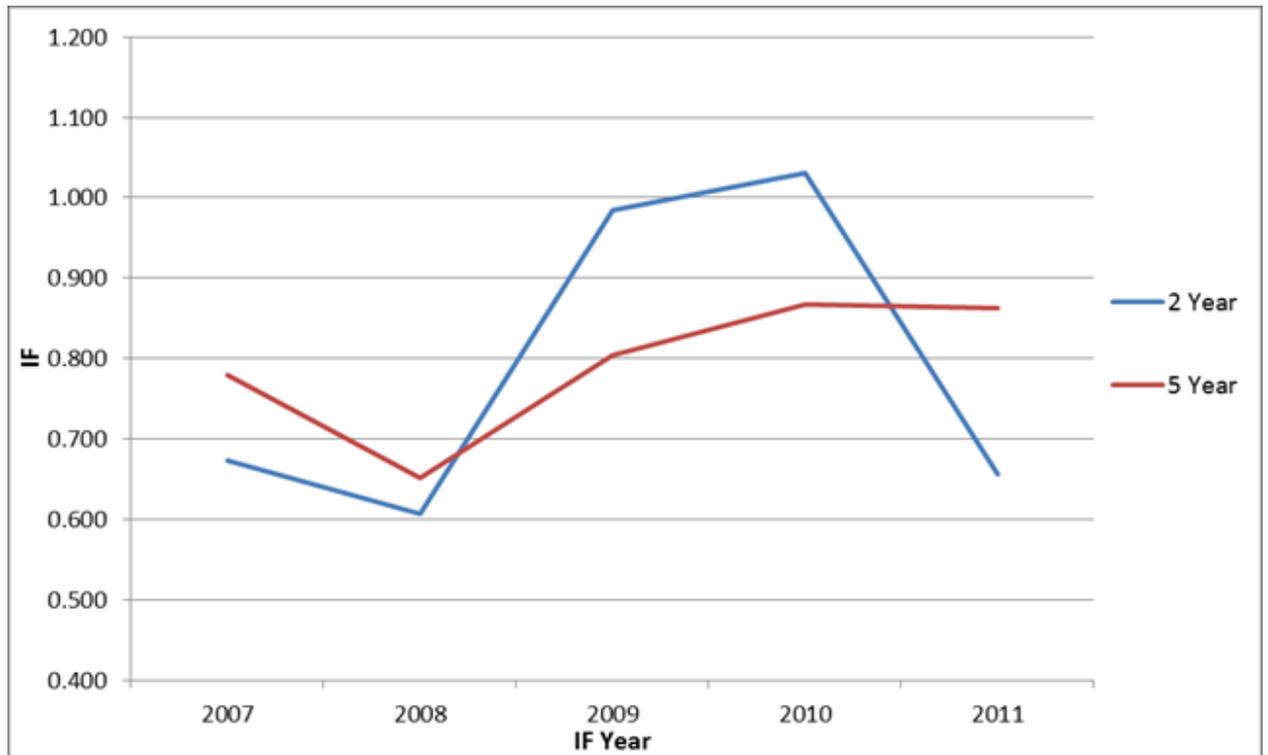
- 'PSEUDO-NITZSCHIA BLOOMS IN THE ZRMANJA RIVER ESTUARY (EASTERN ADRIATIC SEA)' by Buric, Zrinka; Vilicic, Damir; Mihalic, Katarina Caput; et al., 23(1)
- 'MORPHOLOGICAL AND MOLECULAR INVESTIGATIONS OF NAVICULOID DIATOMS. III. HIPPODONTA AND NAVICULA S.S.' by Bruder, Katrin; Medlin, Linda K., 23(2)
- 'MORPHOLOGICAL VARIABILITY OF CYCLOTELLA OCELLATA FROM LAKE KHUBSUGUL (MONGOLIA)' by Genkal, S. I.; Popovskaya, G. I., 23(1)
- 'EXPOSURE TO SUDDEN LIGHT BURST AFTER PROLONGED DARKNESS - A CASE STUDY ON BENTHIC DIATOMS IN ANTARCTICA' by Wulff, Angela; Roleda, Michael Y.; Zacher, Katharina; et al., 23(2)

Another reason for reduction in the impact factor is that we did not get the 2011 volumes out on time. According to Optimising Citations to your Journal (<http://www.tandfonline.com/loi/edbl20>), for every month late is a month lost for a countable citation. Publishing late shifts reduces the number of citations and thereby reducing the Impact Factor.

We are not sure what will happen in 2012 with the IF as we only had 17 articles published in 2011. However, we have at the moment a total of 23 articles in the 2012 volume. It should be stressed is that the journal is going to be vulnerable to strong shifts in IF as we publish a relatively small amount of papers each year. That is why it is important to increase the

number of papers we publish each year. The good news is that we are seeing increase in the number of submitted manuscripts, 46 manuscripts in 2011 while so far this year (Aug 23, 2012) we have had 49 submits. It is important for all the society members to submit more manuscripts to Diatom Research and to cite more of our papers in your articles. We should also encourage a greater variety of papers covering a wider range of subjects.

In contrast, the 5 year Impact Factor has remained steady.



Statistics on the number of manuscript submitted by years that have been accepted, rejected and resubmit, or reject. In 2011, 20.7% were accepted, 55.1% were rejected but with the possibility of resubmission and 24.1% were rejected. wThe percent of accepted manuscript increased to 50.0% in 2012, while the reject & resubmit (38.9%) and reject (11.1%) categories decreased.

Year	2011	2012	All submission
Accepted	6	9	15
Rejected & Resubmit	16	7	23
Rejected	7	2	9
Total	29	18	47

Reminder:

1. When publishing in other journal please add cite from Diatom Research where possible.
2. It is important to support the journal by publishing in it.
3. If you have any problem with Taylor and Francis, with the online access or paper within the system, please let us know.

Comments:

- a) It was asked why there had not yet been an obituary for Frank Round. KS replied that this had not been received. If something could be submitted in the next two weeks then it could be published in the next issue. David Mann agreed to write up his tribute delivered to the IDS and submit to Diatom Research.
- b) A query was made about the policy on book reviews as it was noted that a substantial number appear to be done by Karen. Response from KS – there had been some problems in finding people to undertake book reviews. It was suggested that diatom-l could be used to help find reviewers.
- c) The editors to comment on what is happening with the impact factor. Late issue of journal (need full year to get most citations). Biopress had also limited number of pages. Eliot Schubert asked about the ranking of the journal as this is more important than impact factor. DR dropped from 58/93 to 76/97. Graham Underwood asked if Taylor and Francis can help to clear the backlog of papers. KS responded that the editors are working hard to clear this and are still learning the system. She also added that the new paper on sexual terminology in diatoms is likely to be well cited in the wider field.

8. Webmaster's Report

SD reported that the online payment system is working well. She asked for information about forthcoming meetings so that they can be advertised. Comments were also solicited about the website format and any ideas for future development.

Comments:

- 1) Could a DIATERM facility be included on the ISDR website? Response - we can incorporate this into discussions about future development.
- 2) Is there was any information regarding website statistics. Stephen Juggins has this information and would provide it in his report.

9. ISDR Council Election Results

DM commented that the participation had been rather low and encouraged members to nominate and vote. He also suggested that a possible future consideration may be to have regional representatives.

Marina Potapova was elected Vice President 2012-14, to become President 2016-2018.

The voting for council members to serve for the next four years was very close, with the top four candidates very close and only one vote separating the third and fourth candidates. It was proposed to elect four candidates as this would also have the advantage of widening

the regional representation. The motion was proposed by Linda Medlin and seconded by Karen Serieyssol and carried forward without any objections. The following candidates were therefore elected to serve as council members from 2012-2016: Evelyn Gaiser, Shigeki Mayama, Geraldine Reid, Eugenia Sar.

10. Venues for 2014 and 2016 IDS

Linda Medlin proposed that the society consider joining with the Molecular Life of Diatoms symposium (first held Atlanta 2011). The 2015 symposium is planned for Seattle. She suggested that we may be able to reach an agreement with the other group to combine and benefit from different knowledge / experience, which could result in joint symposia in future. David Mann clarified that we have no invitation from the other group at present. Would members like the opportunity to join them? If yes then we ask ISDR council to investigate the possibility for future links.

Linda Medlin outlined the benefits of the proposal:

- a) It would merge two diverging groups of diatom researchers and increase society membership.
- b) Help the molecular researchers to learn and understand the taxonomy and ecology of the organisms that they work on
- c) Help the traditional researchers to understand the molecular underpinnings of the diatoms or habitats they work on - a lot could be learned from new approaches.
- d) It would increase the scope of the journal and improve the impact factor
- e) Avoid having diatom meetings every year, especially as many countries already have local / regional meetings.

And the disadvantages:

- a) Changeover of officers would have to be between meetings
- b) People may not really integrate
- c) People might fear that their subject might become less important / valued
- d) The meeting design and the time devoted to respective subjects might be changed.

Comments:

- one problem is not just joining with that group is that lots of people go to other groups – phycological meetings etc. At present diatom meetings do not clash with these meetings. Clash with IPS and FEPS (2015, 17 etc).
- in the long run might be beneficial to get these groups together.
- positive about joining up, but proposal makes assumptions about group which may not come to fruition (e.g. many of molecular group not diatomists). Switching to 2015 creates problems with meeting clashes. Against proposal.
- may see further drift away from other members of our community (e.g. palaeoecology).
- like proposal, but perhaps a bit too ambitious. Agree it would be good to co-operate.
- like meeting size, 2 parallel sessions works well, may end up with more parallel sessions. Not in favour of going to larger meeting.

David Mann asked members to vote on whether they would like to see closer association between ISDR and the molecular group. 44 voted in favour and 15 against. On behalf of the ISDR Council, Peter Kroth and Wim Vyverman were asked to initiate a discussion with the other group with regard to making further links.

A vote was also held on working towards a joint symposium 2015. There were 4 votes for this option. It was pointed out that this could lead to meeting clashes and 2015 would be too early to consider joining together. It was also noted that other societies have tried to time their meetings to avoid clashes so we need to consider this and also increasing financial constraints on meeting attendance. Koen Sabbe commented that there had been good feedback about the meeting size and diversity at this IDS. He pointed out that there is a movement towards molecular studies so we need to incorporate this into the next meeting.

Action: Wim Vyverman and Peter Kroth agreed to take discussions forward.

IDS 2016

A proposal was received from Reinhard Pienitz to host IDS 2016 in Quebec City. Reinhard sent a brief film to introduce the venue which was played to members. An offer was also received from James Nienow for Florida, but no further details were available at the time.

A vote was taken and the majority voted in favour of Quebec with 5 votes for Florida.

11. Handover of President

David Mann handed over to the new ISDR President, Regine Jahn, who outlined a number of future activities that council wish to take forward:

- a) Need to increase membership
- b) Diatom names, registration of new names / backbone / web resources etc. Hopefully we can achieve progress over the next two years
- c) Improvements to website

She then asked members for their ideas:

- Herman Van Dam: this is an opportunity to think about registration of diatom names, perhaps use part of budget towards development of such activities. One of the most important aspects of our research and gives us more authority. Vote: Majority of members support such activities.
- It would be good to see Diaterm going online via our ISDR website. Eileen Cox: going to make minutes of meeting available (SJD to contact EJC for minutes and then post on website).
- Eduardo Morales: is there a possibility for a lower registration rate for online only access for example? SJD to investigate.
- Would it be possible to have PDFs of posters or talks on the website from IDS? SJD responded that this is not possible at present but may be in the future. Noted that all authors should be consulted before putting posters / talks online.

12. AOB

- Elliot Schubert: request council to explore with members from South America to organise a meeting in 2018 (possibly Brazil).
- Karen Serieyssol expressed thanks to David Mann and Suzanne McGowan for helping with the transition from Biopress to Taylor and Francis.
- Matt Julius noted that 16 manuscripts had been received from IDS 2010 and should be published by Phytotaxa within next 6 months.
- Pat Kociolek expressed thanks to the local organisers for a fantastic meeting.

Regine Jahn closed the meeting.