

International Ragweed Society (I.R.S.)

NYON - Switzerland

REGULAR GENERAL ASSEMBLY November 2010 - MINUTES

Date: Monday November 15th 2010, from 11:30 to 13:00

Location: MeteoSwiss, Payerne, Switzerland.

Agenda:

Welcome address by the local organizer and the President.

- 1 Panel discussion
- 2 Annual report
- 3 Remarks by the General Secretary.
- 4 Report of the treasurer, finances, 2011 fees
- 5 Next International Ragweed Conference IRC
- 6 Proposition of modification of the status about the period of organization of the general assembly (from every year to every two years or other proposal), modification of the financial period (from 1 year to 2 years or other proposal),
- 7 Miscellaneous

Participants: Bernard CLOT, Marie-Agnès CHAPGIER, Michel THIBAUDON, Henriette MEON, Chantal DECHAMP, Tamas KOMIVES, Christian BOHREN

Meeting: Chairperson : Tamas KOMIVES
Secretary: Michel THIBAUDON

Bernard Clot welcomes the participants at the MeteoSwiss aerological station; welcome address of the President, Tamas Komives; special thanks to Bernard and Michel for the organisation. The aerological station was built in 1941 for the aerological-sounding in Switzerland; the aerobiology group joined in 2001.

1. Panel discussion

The website is online; every member should add a link to its own website and every member should take part to the development and dissemination of this web-site. Its address is: <http://www.internationalragweedsociety.org/>

There, a lot of information can be found, but we must continue to send information to Tamas Komives, who has taken over the webmaster duties from Levente Kiss.

M. Thibaudon suggests that every national network, if considered, would send a graph of ragweed calendar of the year and even of the previous years.

C. Bohren proposes to do the same for the information about ragweed mapping. The secretary will ask Lorenzo Cecchi and to Paolo Bottero to send some information about health impact.

2. Annual report

The President presents shortly the activities in this first year.

3. Remarks by the general secretary:

We think that we haven't enough information from the Working Groups. Every WG should have proposed a contact person to the Committee. A closer collaboration between the Committee and the WGs, and better instructions from the Committee are

necessary. T. Komives will send a mail to the members of every WG to confirm who the chair person of the WG is.

Marie-Agnes Chapgier and Maira Bonini will join the WG “International Conference”.

4. Report of the Treasurer

C. Bohren informs us that IRS has 29 members who have paid their fees for 2010. The accounts being so simple in this first year, with no expenses, it was not necessary to contact the auditors. It will be done next year for the two first years.

C. Bohren also informs us that there was only income this year, no expenses.

The members think that it is not necessary to modify the fees for 2011; the amounts are 10 euro for individual members, 5 euro for students and 100 euro for institutional members. There is still only one institutional member which is Conseil General du Rhône. C. Bohren will send the call for 2011 fees before the end of 2010, together with a letter from the President.

5. Next International Ragweed Conference IRC

French Ministry of Health is organizing the next “Ambrosia 2012” in Lyon during 1,5 days 26th and 27th of January 2012. Tamas Komives proposes to organise “the International Ragweed Conference (IRC)” at the same occasion and location 25th and 26th of January. We think that it is a good idea to join the both congresses, IRC will be focused on scientific aspects and Ambrosia 2012 will focus on practical and regulatory aspects. M. Thibaudon and M.-A. Chapgier will send this proposal to French Ministry of Health; the decision will be taken before the end of January 2011.

C. Bohren informs the members about the 3rd International Symposium on Environmental Weeds and Invasive Plants in Ascona October 2-7 2011. The next Regular General Assembly 2011 of IRS will be held in Ascona during this meeting.

T. Komives informs that the next Hungarian conference on ragweed will be in Budapest 21st to 23rd of September 2011, the topic will be “The ragweed problem”. TK will send us some information in January.

6. Proposal for modification of the status

Considering the difficulties to gather the members every year, it is proposed to change the period of organization of the general assembly from every year to every two years, and eventually modify the financial period from 1 year to 2 years.

B. Clot explains that we can increase the delay between two general assemblies, but that it would be too complicated to change the term of the legal exercise. B. Clot will propose some modification of the statutes which will be voted during the next General Assembly in Ascona.

7. Miscellaneous.

Tamas Komives make a proposal to add Veronica Komives as IRS member. Every member agrees.

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