

**Minutes of the  
General Assembly Meeting of the  
International Association of Neuropterology  
29. July 2003**

**Participants/Members:**

Univ. Prof. Dr. Horst Aspöck, Univ. Prof. Dr. Ulrike Aspöck, Dr. Atilano Contreras-Ramos, Dr. Peter Duelli, Mike Ferro, Dr. Oliver S. "Ollie" Flint, Jr., Dr. Johannes Gepp, Dr. Robert Güsten, Dr. Kevin Hoffman, Dr. James B. "Ding" Johnson, Dr. Victor "Vic" Johnson, Dr. Gary L. Miller, Dr. John D. Oswald, Dr. Norman D. "Norm" Penny, Prof. Dr. Dong Ren, Dr. Wieland Röhrich, Dr. György Sziráki, Dr. William D. "Bill" Shepard, Dr. Lionel A. Stange

**1. Opening (H. Aspöck, U. Aspöck)**

**2. Minutes of the meeting in Budapest 9th August 2000 (by M. Mansell)**

- minutes were read (H. Aspöck)
- MOTION: "*Minutes accepted?*" vote: 19 pro, 0 nay, 0 abstention

**3. Activities since the Budapest meeting**

- a) - Journal of Neuropterology (see below, agenda item 5.)
- a lot of disappointments concerning this matter
  - on a survey by H. and U. Aspöck only 10% answered (out of 400)
  - not enough subscribers: 26 subscribers only: there is not any realistic chance to publish the journal in print format with this subscriber base
  - some proposals to turn the situation around:
    - publish the journal in Bulgaria as a possible cost saving measure,
    - publish the symposium proceedings within the journal,
  - neither of these options make the Journal viable in printed form
- b) - Proceedings of the 7th Symposium have appeared
- thanks to Gy. Sziráki for his efforts in producing this excellent volume
- c) - 2 databases by John Oswald came out:
- the Bibliography of the Neuropterida  
([http://entowww.tamu.edu/research/neuropterida/neur\\_bibliography/bibhome.html](http://entowww.tamu.edu/research/neuropterida/neur_bibliography/bibhome.html))
  - the Index to the Neuropterida Species of the World  
([http://entowww.tamu.edu/research/neuropterida/neur\\_sp\\_index/ins\\_search.html](http://entowww.tamu.edu/research/neuropterida/neur_sp_index/ins_search.html))

**4. Report on the Finances (by A. Whittington)**

- hardcopy of report provided to all symposium delegates, not read aloud
- enclosed excerpts from the Report:
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  - *Income is presently derived solely from membership fees and expenses are currently restricted to the cost of the credit card facility.*
  - *Journal Subscriptions: The number of subscriptions (about 30) of the Journal of Neuropterology volume per year is considered too low to be financially viable at*

*the current cost of production (volume 3 cost £1722.75). The Treasurer urges that a decision is reached concerning the future of the Journal of Neuropterology.*

*- Membership fees: The funds accumulated from Membership fees are negligible (£313.69) over three years.*

*- Grand Total income August 1998-July 2003: **£5,534.25***

*- Expenses: The Association currently has no expenses other than the cost of the credit card facility. Compare the income from Membership fees (£313) to the cost of running the facility over the same period (£680). This raises considerable questions regarding membership and the extraction of a membership fee. Currently the credit card facility costs IAN £15 per month (£180 p.a.). To make this facility worthwhile, IAN needs to recover at least that in membership fees and Journal subscriptions.*

*- Grand Total expenses August 1998-July 2003: **£3,371.75***

*- Résumé: The International Association for Neuropterology account currently holds a healthy balance of **£2162.50**. This is a 78% improvement on the balance available at the 2000 AGM, which stood at £1213.38. This can largely be attributed to reduced spending on Journal production, but it should also be noted that Volume 3 of the Journal was partly funded by the levying of page charges, thereby enabling a secure balance to be accumulated from the balance of income for Volume 3.*

*- Proposals: (1) The Treasurer proposes that the Secretary be charged with ascertaining the possibility of inserting a secure credit card payment method in Neuroptera.com and place this method of payment onto the web site, if the costs are lower than those imposed for the paper method. (2) The Treasurer intends to renew efforts to produce individual accounts and issue annual statements to all Associates.*

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*- MOTION: "Finances report accepted?" vote: 19 pro, 0 nay, 0 abstention*

## **5. Discussion of the Journal of Neuropterology**

*- 3 volumes produced by Victor Monserrat*

*- board has discussed the journal up and down:*

*- no printed journal is possible at the present time because of a lack of subscribers; therefore only 2 possibilities:*

*- 1. no journal,*

*- 2. journal in electronic form*

*- board prefers second proposal and it recommends: ...*

*... (1) to investigate the option of digital publication of the journal*

*- investigate the possibility of putting the Journal of Neuropterology on line digitally*

*- identifying specific people to do so: the board asked Ollie Flint and Wieland Röhricht to act as co-editors of a journal:*

*- O. Flint has agreed*

*- to investigate nomenclatural consequences of digital journal, takes steps to ensure availability of names published in digital journal*

*- W. Röhricht has agreed*

- to investigate firstly, what it means to put a journal on line, look for existing models etc.
- ... (2) to make the journal digital if investigation results seeming viable
- if (and only if) the investigation results in the digital option seeming viable, the Association through the board should act to make the journal digital
- O. Flint has agreed
  - to serve as the journal's editor (develop editorial procedures, including review of existing journal documents: e.g., instructions to authors, editorial procedure and policy statements)
  - receives manuscripts, sends them out to reviewers
  - decides on manuscript acceptance, compiles the issue
- W. Röhrich has agreed
  - to put the journal on the internet digitally
- official discussion:
- Zootaxa from New Zealand as an existing model (every article a new number)
- Robert Güsten and Andy Whittington act as co-editors of Zootaxa
- Robert will make the contact to Zootaxa, asking the editor of Zootaxa for information on this digital journal, helping Ollie and Wieland with the investigations, deadline 31. Dec 2003 (Robert accepted!)
- question: "*colored pics?*" - if journal is digital, then this should not be a problem
- question (O. Flint, Gy. Sziráki): "*Should the proposed new digital journal include papers on other small taxonomical groups (e.g. Pscocoptera, Trichoptera etc.) in addition to Neuropterida?*"
- MOTION: "*Should any future digital journal of the Association be devoted solely to papers on the Neuropterida*", vote: 11 pro, 3 nay, 5 abstention
- question (A. Contreras-Ramos): "*ISI listed journal: What we have to do to become listed?*" - short discussion: it's beyond our power
- remark (L. Stange): "*would attract people, who work 'economically' about Neuropterida*" - desirable, but beyond our power to do so
- MOTION: "*Should the Board further investigate the possible publication of a digital journal, and, if this is found to be a viable option, work toward the implementation of a digital journal for the Association.*", vote: 18 pro, 0 nay, 1 abstention

## **6. Discussion of the Proceedings of the 8th Symposium (J. Oswald)**

- \$100 of registrations fee was set aside for publication of the journal
- Symposium registration approx. 10 persons less than expected
- rough estimate is that ca. \$3,500 - \$4,000 will be available for the journal
- final figure will not be known until other symposium expenses are paid
- volume might be privately published, or published through a journal outlet
- publication through a journal outlet has advantage of possibly being ISI listed
- asked Gy. Sziraki to investigate if proceedings could be again published as a supplement of "Acta Zoologica Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae" (Acta zool. hung.)

- costs of proceedings of the last (2000) symposium published in Acta zool. hung.: approx. \$6,000
- general procedure that would be followed if 2003 symposium proceedings were to be published in Acta zool. hung.; proposal/ answer by Gy. Sziraki (written):

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you (editors of the Proceedings 2003):

- collect the manuscripts
- send each paper for two reviewers
- send us the reviewed papers with the opinion of reviewers and with your proposal concerning the accepting

together (editors and publishers):

- make together a decision about accepting
- correct the accepted paper linguistically

you (editors of the Proceedings 2003):

- send the reviewed, accepted and linguistically controlled papers to the authors
- make the preface
- receive the corrected papers from the authors and send us with your necessary corrections and with the preface (in 3 languages!)

we (publishers of the Acta zool. hung.):

- make the technical edition of the papers
- send the edited papers to the authors for a last control
- receive the controlled manuscripts
- read the edited volume (without indices)
- send you the volume for a very last control

you (editors of the Proceedings 2003):

- make the indices - send back the material to us

we (publishers of the Acta zool. hung.):

- after it control the volume in the final form
- press the volume
- send volume copies to the symposium participants

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- John D. Oswald will act as chief editor for proceedings volume
- will solicit 2 co-editors (H. Aspöck, Ding Johnson)
- John will collect manuscripts
- with co-editors will take care of reviewing and deciding on acceptance of manuscript
- if decision made to publish through Acta zool. hung., the general procedure outlined above will be followed

- discussion about publishing in the USA, difficult because of expense
- MOTION: 'If needed to ensure publication of the symposium proceedings, who would pay an additional \$50 for the book?' vote 19 pro, 0 nay, 0 abstention

## **7. Election of IAN Officers (H. Aspöck, J. Oswald)**

- thanks/ exoneration of 2000-2003 officers and board members
- proposals for new IAN officers:

President .....: John D. Oswald (USA)  
Vice president ....: Ulrike Aspöck (Austria)  
Treasurer .....: Andrew E. Whittington (U.K.)  
Secretary .....: Wieland Röhrich (Germany)

VOTE: (1) President .....: 19 pro, 0 nay, 0 abstention

VOTE: (2) Vice president ...: 19 pro, 0 nay, 0 abstention

VOTE: (3) Treasurer .....: 19 pro, 0 nay, 0 abstention

VOTE: (4) Secretary .....: 19 pro, 0 nay, 0 abstention

- additional board members co-opted by the officers:

Horst Aspöck (Austria),  
Michel Canard (France),  
Atilano Contreras-Ramos (Mexico),  
Peter Duelli (Switzerland),  
Oliver S. Flint (USA),  
Mervyn W. Mansell (South Africa),  
Tim R. New (Australia),  
Norman D. Penny (USA),  
Alexi Popov (Bulgaria)

- we thank John D. Oswald and his wife for their hospitality and efforts

### **8. Next Symposium 2006**

- offers: (1) Australia (Tim New)  
(2) P. R. China (Dong Ren)

- other potential offers:

(3) Europe: Italia (Agostino Letardi & Roberto A. Pantaleoni?) or  
Slovenia (Dusan Devetak?)

VOTE: "Rank your preference for each of the following venues as the possible site of the next symposium: Australia, China, Europe." out of 19 votes: 18 votes were valid, 1 vote invalid, because given only for one country

votes:

(1) Australia - first : 6  
- second: 7  
- third : 6  
(2) P. R. China - first : 3  
- second: 6  
- third : 9  
(3) Europe - first : 9  
- second: 5  
- third : 3

RESULT: 1st choice: Europe (9 votes for 1st)

2nd choice: Australia (6 votes for 1st)

3rd choice: P. R. China (3 votes for 1st)

- based on this vote, the board will further investigate and choose a site for the next symposium, with preference given for a European venue

- after determining the next venue the board will announce the site to the IAN membership

## **9. Miscellaneous**

### Newsletter:

- A. Contreras-Ramos and N. Penny were appointed as co-editors of the newsletter
- A. Contreras-Ramos will take primary responsibility for newsletter writing/editing
- N. Penny will take primary responsibility for placing the newsletter on the Internet
- the board will formulate guidelines for the production and distribution of the newsletter
- discussion of the benefits of having a newsletter to better communicate about ongoing work and to facilitate cooperation; desire to see the newsletter resurrected as a regular communication tool for the neuropterological community

### former Proceedings:

- question (A. Contreras-Ramos): "*previous issues still available?*" - mostly yes
- question (O. Flint): "*symposium proceedings digitalized*" - mostly not
- MOTION: "*Should the IAN grant whatever permissions it may be entitled to grant to John Oswald to support the digitalization of materials previously published in (1) the proceedings of previous neuropterology symposia, (2) the serial publication Neuroptera International, and (3) the serial publication Journal of Neuropterology, and to support their web delivery through the Bibliography of the Neuropterida/Neuropterida Digital Library project.*" vote: 19 pro, 0 nay, 0 abstention

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W. Röhricht, corrected by J. D. Oswald  
27 Aug 2003