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"This newsletter is not deemed to be a valid publication for formal taxonomic purposes"
G. E. Ansari, National Institute of Oceanography, Dona Paula - 403004, Goa, India.

"I am actively engaged in the researches of benthic animals with special emphasis to melobenthic organisms. Due to a lack of enough facilities it is difficult to work on the taxonomy of these organisms. I have problems identifying some benthic harpacticoids. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Dr. Ansari.

Alexander Fricke, National Research Institute for Oceanology, Stellenbosch, South Africa.

Alex sent me a citation on the first report of nematode occurrence in municipal water in South Africa (see Literature - Smith and Van Miegheem). He reminds us that nematodes can enter our samples from the tap. I learned of a similar early experience from Bruce Coull. Melobenthologists take care to "screen out" unwanted freshwater nematodes.

Volker Storch, Zoologisches Institute, In Neuenheimer Feld 230, 6900 Heidelberg, F.R.Ger.

"Professor of Zoology at an [ ] institution, formerly student of the late Professor Adolf Remane with whom we wrote textbooks on general and systematic zoology. Currently starting a collaborative work with Dr. Higgins on Kinorhyncha and Priapulidae.


"Since October 1st I am employee of the Senator fur Umweltschutz at Breman (Senator of environmental protection). For one year project I will be compiling the literature concerning biological/ecological consequences of casualties with seagoing vessels carrying chemicals (including chemical tankers) or with their chemical cargoes going overboard during heavy seas. But also the input of hazardous chemicals into the marine environment by human activity (dumping f.i.) are of interest to me. Excluded from my investigation are accidents with oil. If there are colleagues, who can give me a hint to recent literature (from about the early 70's up to now) or if anyone has knowledge about casualties of ships and chemicals and biological surveys following these events - please let me know! I would also appreciate any information about institutions, scientists or authorities experienced with this subject. Doing this very interesting job to earn money - actually I am a melobenthologist and a nematologist in particular, I hope that there will come a time for me to continue work in this field. Therefore, please, keep my name on your nematode-paper-mailing-lists."
New Members

H. Dean, 74 Riverview Avenue, Waltham, MA 02154, U.S.A.

"I am currently teaching at a small college (Mount Ida College in Newton Centre, Mass.) and am a research associate at Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology (working on polychaetes)."

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FINAL TREASURER'S REPORT (In D.M.): 1986
Anno Faubel's final report. The balance, DM 8,556, has been converted to dollars, transmitted to David Thistle and is earning money in a Florida bank account.

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SCOTT O'LANA

"I sing the blues for IAM"
CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MEIOBENTHOLISTS

Article 1. Name
The name of the Association shall be the International Association of Meio benthologists.

Article 2. Objectives
The objectives of the Association shall be the general advancement and promotion of the study of meio benthos in all its aspects.

Article 3. Capital and Income
The capital and income of the Association shall be devoted solely to the furtherance of its objectives as stated in Article 2, and no portion thereof shall be paid to any officer or member of the Association except in respect of the repayment of any out-of-pocket expenses properly incurred and proper remuneration in return for services rendered to the Association.

Article 4. Dissolution
In the event of the Association being dissolved for any reason, the surplus funds remaining after payment of debts and liabilities shall not be distributed among members, but shall be paid or transferred to some other institution or institutions, approved by the Council, having objectives similar to those of the Association. Any outstanding liabilities of the Association at dissolution shall be shared equally among the membership.

Article 5. Dues
Annual dues will be charged to cover expenses of the Association and will be set by the bylaws.

Article 6. Officers and Elections
The elective officers shall be a Chairperson, a Treasurer, and up to four additional members comprising the Executive Committee. The Chairperson and Treasurer shall be elected every three years and the former shall then automatically become a member of the Executive Committee during the three years following his/her tenure as Chairperson. Previous Chairpersons of the Association shall thereafter continue on as ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

The remaining Executive Committee members shall be elected every six years and shall hold office for six years. The expiration date of the terms of office of these Executive Committee members shall be arranged so that only two members of the Committee will be elected in any triennium.

All newly elected Officers shall assume their duties at the beginning of the next calendar year following their election.

Article 7. Council
The Council shall consist of the Executive Committee and the Board of Correspondents.

Article 8a. Chairperson
The Chairperson shall act as Editor of the Newsletter and in this capacity shall be responsible for the production of the Newsletter of the Association.

Article 8b. Treasurer
The Treasurer shall keep the financial records of the Association and shall present an annual statement of the accounts at the end of each calendar year, to be included in the first issue of the Newsletter of the Association of the succeeding year.

Article 9. Executive Committee
The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the business affairs of the Association. It shall assist the Chairperson in the production of the Newsletter of the Association and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Chairperson.

Article 10. Board of Correspondents
The Board of Correspondents shall consist of up to twelve members of the Association and shall be appointed by the Chairperson with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee. The Board of Correspondents shall assist the Chairperson and other members of the Executive Committee in gathering literature and news items for the Newsletter of the Association and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Chairperson. The Board of Correspondents shall retire automatically with the retiring Chairperson.

Article 11. Nominations
Nominations for any office may be made in writing by any two members of the Association not later than April 1st in an election year. The Council must certify that each candidate is willing to stand for office and serve if elected. The Council shall give due consideration to equitable representation of the geographical distribution of the membership of the Association. Additional nominations for officers may be made by the Council.

Article 12. Elections
Should elections of Officers be necessary, these will be held by mail ballot. The Chairperson in his/her capacity as Editor shall mail ballots to each member in the May issue of the Newsletter in an election year. A brief biographical sketch of each candidate shall accompany the ballots. The Chairperson shall count and record the votes received by November 1st and include the results in the November issue of the newsletter. The candidate or candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected to office. The Chairperson shall notify the candidates for office of the vote by mail. In the event that a vote results in a tie, the members of the Council shall vote by mail to resolve the tie. Should a tie still result the Chairperson shall have the deciding vote.

Article 13. Finance
The expenses of the Association shall be paid from the funds of the Association within the limits in the budget of the Association. The Chairperson shall authorize all payments.
Article 14. Bylaws

Bylaws to augment this Constitution may specify details and less fundamental provisions, but shall not alter the intended meaning of this Constitution, or circumvent its provisions.

Additional bylaws may be proposed in writing by any two members in good standing and shall be adopted if a majority of the members are in its favour as shown by a mail ballot.

Bylaws may be amended upon recommendation by the Council, by a majority vote of members of the Association in good standing in a mail ballot.

Article 15. Amendments

This Constitution can be amended only by a two-thirds majority of those members in good standing voting in a mail ballot. Amendments may be proposed by any member in writing to the Chairperson who shall submit such proposal to the Council for consideration and vote.

Any amendment that five members of the Council deem worthy of consideration shall be submitted to the members of the Association for vote.

Proposed constitutional amendments must be included in a newsletter 6 months in advance of balloting in order to receive and include in the balloting issue any comments received during this interim. The close of receipts for ballots shall be the first day of the sixth month following the balloting issue and the results shall be included in that month's newsletter.

Article 16. Enabling Article

This Constitution and its accompanying bylaws shall be adopted in full force and effect from January 1st 1971.

B Y L A W S O F T H E A S S O C I A T I O N

Bylaw 1. Annual Dues

Annual dues for Regular Members shall be determined by the Council at a rate consistent with the currency under which the treasury is operating at a given time. The rate for Sustaining Members and the rate for Patron Members shall be five times that of Regular Members. Dues shall be payable in advance before January 1st to the Association. Payment of annual dues shall be made in International Money Orders or form of payment not subject to conversion loss to the Association in the currency under which the treasury is operating at a given time. Current dues plus one additional year's dues may be paid at one time. The Chairperson may send PSAMMONALIA via air mail to any member who requests this service and who pays the additional postal expenses.

Bylaw 2. Membership Rights

No membership rights shall be continued longer than six months from date notifying arrears.

Bylaw 3. Newsletter

The Newsletter of the Association shall be called "PSAMMONALIA". Its purpose shall be to promote the objectives of the Association as defined in Article 2.
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