

## Report of the International Association of Biological Oceanography for 2009

In 2009, IABO co-sponsored two international conferences and held its General Assembly (GA) in Capetown, South Africa. A call for renewal of national representatives was made and a new drive to increase activity is planned following the General Assembly.

The president attended the SCOR symposium celebrating SCOR's 50th anniversary and GA in Woods Hole in October 2008. She also attended the SCOPE GA in London in June 2009.

The president and the secretary had a meeting in Amsterdam in July 2009 to discuss strategies for the future of IABO.

### **Meetings in 2009:**

*“Our Warming Planet” conference MOCA-09*

19 – 29 July 2009, Palais des Congrès, Montréal, [www.moca-09.org](http://www.moca-09.org)

Topics included mesoscale ocean eddies; effects of climate variability on nearshore coastal environments, including physical, geomorphologic and biological interactions; the Southern Ocean: its physics, chemistry, biology and links to the global climate system, and coastal currents and large marine ecosystems. The IAPSO symposium on mesoscale ocean eddies was co-sponsored by IABO.

MOCA-09 stands for IAMAS-IAPSO-IACS-Assembly-2009, where IAMAS: The International Association for Meteorology and Atmospheric Sciences; IAPSO: The International Association for the Physical Sciences of the Oceans; IACS: The International Association for the Cryospheric Sciences.

*IABO General Assembly, Cape Town*

14<sup>th</sup> October 2009, Cape Town, South Africa, in association with DIVERSITAS OSC2 (see below) with elections for a new President and new Board members.

*2<sup>nd</sup> DIVERSITAS Open Science Conference (OSC2),*

13 – 16 October 2009, Cape Town, South Africa, [www.diversitas-osc.org/](http://www.diversitas-osc.org/)

On a theme of “Biodiversity and society: understanding connections, adapting to change”

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