

IABO Report to SCOR for 2009

Next IABO General Assembly

The next General Assembly of IABO will be held at the 2nd World Conference on Marine Biodiversity in Aberdeen, Scotland, 26-30 September 2010 (<http://www.abdn.ac.uk/marine-biodiversity>). This follows the success of the 1st congress in Valencia, Spain (<http://www.marbef.org/worldconference/>). This conference will be the regular venue for IABO General Assemblies, and IABO will help support the conference.

World Association of Marine Stations (WAMS)

Dr David Paterson attended the World Association of Marine Stations (WAMS) meeting in Paris in April 2010 on behalf of IABO. He gave a presentation on IABO, including our remit and membership. WAMS membership will include marine laboratories of the world, and complements the IOC membership of countries, and IABO's of individual scientists nominated by national academies.

IABO email list launched

IABO has joined with an existing international email network on marine biodiversity called MARINE-B so as not to duplicate a well established network of over 600 scientists from 42 countries whose network aims are the same. This will be the official email network for IABO. MARINE-B, the MARine Research Information NETwork on Biodiversity, is for communication related to marine biodiversity research. The archive of MARINE-B messages is at <https://listserv.heanet.ie/marine-b.html>. To join send message "SUBSCRIBE MARINE-B firstname surname" to listserv@listserv.heanet.ie (to leave say UNSUBSCRIBE). Omit your signature and anything else you may normally add. You will get an automated response.

National Representatives

During 2009 IABO began renewing its national representatives and has written to all IUBS affiliated academies in this regard.

The IABO Past President Dr Annelies Pierrot will be attending the SCOR General Meeting on 14-16 Sept. 2010 in Toulouse, France, on behalf of IABO.

2009 IABO General Assembly

The IABO General Assembly was held on 14th October 2009 in Capetown, South Africa. Mark Costello (New Zealand) was elected President and Charles Griffiths (South Africa) as General Secretary. The Past President, Annelies Pierrot (The Netherlands), automatically remains a member of the Executive Committee. Prof David Paterson (UK) was subsequently appointed to the Executive Committee. A full report is on the IABO website.

IABO endorsed two meetings in 2009:

(1) *"Our Warming Planet" conference MOCA-09*

19 – 29 July 2009, Palais des Congrès, Montréal, 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.

(2) *2nd DIVERSITAS Open Science Conference (OSC2)*,
13 – 16 October 2009, Cape Town, South Africa, www.diversitas-osc.org/
On a theme of “Biodiversity and society: understanding connections, adapting to change”
