

Annual Report of the International Association for Biological Oceanography (IABO)

IABO General Assembly

The next IABO General Assembly will be held in conjunction with the 4th World Conference in Marine Biodiversity (WCMB) in Montreal in May 2018 (Table 1).

Table 1. Statistics on the WCMB.

	Location	Dates	Delegates	Talks	Posters
1 st	Valencia, Spain	11-15 November 2008	600	200	160
2 nd	Aberdeen, Scotland	26-30 September 2011	800	500	400
3 rd	Qingdao, China	12-16 October 2014	480	154	89
4 th	Montreal, Canada	May 2018			

The Canadian Healthy Oceans Network (CHONe) in collaboration the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Ocean Network Canada and other networks of Canadian marine scientists will host the 4th World Conference on Marine Biodiversity in Montréal, Canada from May 19-23, 2018. The theme for this conference will be “*Connecting with the living ocean*”, emphasizing the connection between all segments of society and the ocean’s biodiversity. In addition, the participation of the secretariats of the Convention on Biodiversity and the Convention on Migratory Species in the planning of the conference program will ensure a strong connection with the marine policy sector, and bring policy makers in direct contact with the latest developments in marine biodiversity research in interdisciplinary sessions and workshops.

Furthermore, during the next few months a call for nominations will be issued for the Carlo Heip Memorial Medal. Carlo Heip was an inspiring leader for marine biodiversity science and was responsible for very important initiatives that brought together the European scientists in this field. He also had a key role in initiatives at the global level. In his memory, IABO in collaboration with the 5th WCMB will establish a Carlo Heip Memorial Medal. This Award will honor the leadership of a researcher in the field of marine biodiversity. An international jury will be made to evaluate the candidacies. The Award will be delivered during the 5th WCMB that will be held in May 20-23 2018, in Montréal’s spacious Palais des congrès (<http://wcmb2018.org/>).

Philippe Archambault
Chair of the 5th WCMB

The present committee (with country and affiliations) of

- David Paterson (Scotland, convenor WCMB II)
- Patricia Miloslavich (Venezuela)
- Annelies Pierrot (Past-President, Netherlands);
- Michael Thorndyke (Sweden)
- Sun Song (China, convenor WCMB III, SCOR Vice-chair)
- Mark Costello (President, New Zealand, WoRMS, GEO BON)
- Eulogio Soto (Chile)
- Tina Molodtsova (Russia)
- Isabel Sousa Pinto (Portugal) (IPBES, GEO BON)
- Suchana Apple Chavanich (Thailand, IOC/WESTPAC)
- Prof Siew Phang Moi (Malaysia)
- Philippe Archambault (Canada, 4th WCMB convenor)

Other activities

IABO published a short note in the newsletter *Deep-Sea Life* Issue 4, November 2014:

The International Association for Biological Oceanography (IABO) Executive Committee met on 15th October 2014 at the World Conference of Marine Biodiversity in Qingdao, China. Ten delegates from developing countries (Sanna Durgappa (India); Girish Beedessee, Nadeem Nazurally (Mauritius); Mhairi Alexander, Tammy (Tamara) Robinson (South Africa); Fernando A. Zapata (Colombia); Joel Kareithi Gatagwu (Kenya); Olesia Vishchuk (Russia); Hoang Dinh Chieu (Vietnam); Junior Vitor (Peru)) received travel grants from SCOR to attend WCMB 2014 as this was the IABO General Assembly. A call for new committee members resulted in six new members. Thus the present committee of David Paterson (Scotland, convenor WCMB II), Patricia Miloslavich (Venezuela), Annelies Pierrot (Past-President, Netherlands); Michael Thorndyke (Sweden), Sun Song (China, convenor WCMB III, SCOR Vice-chair), Mark Costello (President, New Zealand, WoRMS, GEO BON) is joined by Eulogio Soto (Chile), Tina Molodtsova (Russia), Isabel Sousa Pinto (Portugal) (IPBES, GEO BON), Suchana Apple Chavanich (Thailand, IOC/WESTPAC), Siew Phang Moi (Malaysia), Philippe Archambault (Canada, the next WCMB convenor). The International Association for Biological Oceanography is a constituent Section of the International Union of Biological Sciences. The objects of the Association are to promote the advancement of knowledge of the biology of the sea, by providing opportunities for communication between marine biologists and co-operating with organizations and individuals with similar aims and interests. Further information about IABO and reports of the IABO Executive Committee can be found at <http://www.iabo.org/>

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IABO's nomination, Dr Annelies Pierrot, was selected to the ICSU ad hoc panel for the review of SCAR and SCOR.

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