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Our SEL Experiences

Svetlana:

The XV SEL Congress gave us all a great opportunity to meet many interesting people and to learn more about the research questions which our colleagues deal with. It was especially important for young specialists like me. Working with such a large and widespread microlepidopteran family as Tortricidae, developing contacts with colleagues all over the world is very important. I had many opportunities to develop these important connections during the SEL Congress.

Some of the Russian participants in the entrance hall of the Bildingszentrum Erkner (from left to right): Sergey Sinev, Svetlana Nedoshivina and Vladimir Lukthanov (Photo: Vadim Tshikolovets).

Another important opportunity was the chance to discuss my own scientific research with more experienced specialists. Advice and consultations are obligatory aspects of a new student's research program. In my case, these new contacts were very successful and productive. I hope that after this meeting we shall continue this collaborative interaction.

A wide coverage of research fields was really exciting. Molecular methods applied to phylogenetic analysis, biodiversity and systematics complemented each other in several sessions. This variety provided a true taste of the diversity in the Lepidoptera community and made the sessions rich. In addition, a huge number of interesting presentations made the daily choice of what workshop to attend very hard. I wanted to attend all of them.

Also, I was amazed by the technical organization of the Congress. It is clear that such a large and important meeting requires a great deal of dedication. The result of this dedication resulted in an excellently planned, and smoothly run Congress. We really enjoyed the wonderful trip on the river Spree and visiting the Museum für Naturkunde der Humboldt Universität zu Berlin. I wish to thank the organizers for this meeting, and I also appreciated all the excellent discussions I had with the participants and their interesting presentations.

Amanda:

September was a month of firsts. Not only was it my first SEL Congress, but also my first trip to Europe. I was apprehensive to be arriving alone and not speaking German, but my concerns were completely unfounded. Navigating around the city and to the conference was very simple. I am now completely envious of the Berlin transit system.

Upon arriving, I immediately began meeting many new colleagues, as well as connecting with old friends. One of the first things that really struck me was the diversity of people attending the Congress. Like the Lepidopterist's Society in North America, there was a combination of professionals and amateurs. This is exceptionally rare among societies, and I believe that this combination is particularly important to foster the field of lepidopterology. I was also amazed with the number of countries that were represented at the Congress. This was a truly an international Congress. I found very exciting and stimulating to sit at a table and listen to Danish on one side and Russian on the other.

With my involvement in the Lepidoptera Tree of Life project, attending the Congress gave me the opportunity to connect with colleagues participating in complimentary projects in Europe. I had a number of stimulating conversations with members of the EDIT and CATE projects, as well as researchers in the Ditrysian Phylogeny project in Finland. Being able to connect with these colleagues in person was invaluable. It is amazing how much can be done and discussed over several pints of beer.

Lepidopterists discussing the LepTree pilot study (from left to right): Thomas Simonsen, Vazrick Nazari, Maria Heikkilä, Amanda Roe, and Akito Kawahara (Photo: Jen Zaspel).

Overall, the SEL Congress was the most productive and stimulating conference I have ever attended. I am grateful for having had the opportunity to participate in both the symposium and the Pyraloidea Workshop, and wish to extend a sincere thanks to all those who made the Congress possible. I am amazed at the number of different people I was able to meet and the connections that I have made. Interactions with these colleagues will continue for many years to come, and I look forward to opportunity to see my European collaborators at future SEL Congresses. This will be the first of many.

Amanda Roe and Svetlana Nedoshivina

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Minutes of the General Meeting held at the Bildungszentrum, Erkner (Berlin), on 11th September 2007 at 4.30 p.m.

1. The President, Niels Peder Kristensen, welcomed some 86 members attending the meeting and asked them to stand in memory of those who had died since the last General Meeting.

2. The General Secretary read the report of Council for the preceding two years, this was accepted *nem. con.*(see p. 7).

3. The Report of the Treasurer was presented and was accepted unanimously by the meeting (see p. 8).

4. The auditors' report was read and accepted with acclaim.

5. The Editor's report was read by Matthias Nuss (see p. 9).

6. Harald Schreiber was elected as Election Meeting Chairman.

7. Harald Schreiber moved the discharge of Council, Auditors and Committee Chairman. This was accepted unanimously.

The retiring President paid tribute to the Officers upon whom falls the burden of work, especially the Editors and Membership Secretary.

8. Elections (see detailed protocol p. 6).
The following were proposed by Council and accepted unanimously by the meeting:

President: Gerhard Tarmann
Vice-President: Joaquin Baixeras
Membership Secretary: Willy de Prins
Editors: Matthias Nuss & Bernard Landry
General Secretary: David Agassiz
Ordinary Members of Council: David Demerges (F), Jörg Gelbrecht (D) and Andras Kun (H). Nils Ryrholm and Konstantin Efetov were elected for 4 years in 2005 and continue to serve.

9. Appointment of auditors:
Axel Steiner was reappointed and Rolf Mörtter was appointed in place of Günter Ebert.

10. The newly elected President, Gerhard Tarmann, paid tribute to the retiring members of Council: Niels Peder Kristensen and László Ronkay. He announced the appoinment by Council of four Honorary Members: Günter Ebert, Peter Hättenschwiler, Yuri Nekrutenko and Niels Peder Kristensen and gave a resumé of the contribution each had made to the Society and European Lepidopterology.

11. Laszlo Rákosy invited members to the XVI SEL Congress to be held at Cluj, Romania from 25–31st May 2009. He gave details of the location, travel options and the collecting site around Rimetea. The last two days of the Congress would be given to field work (see p. 10).

12. Future Congresses: Council invited offers to host the XVII Congress in 2011, a choice would need to be made in October 2008. The idea of a joint Congress with the Lepidopterists' Society of North America was floated.

Richard Brown invited members to the next Congress of the Lepidopterists' Society of North America to he held at Mississippi in June 2008 and he gave a presentation about the Congress and its location.

13. No members' proposals had been received.

14. There was no other business.

David Agassiz, General Secretary, 11 September 2007

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David Agassiz reading the report of the Council at the general meeting (Photo: Axel Steiner).

Entrance of the Bildungszentrum Erkner with attendants waiting for the bus (Photo: Rob de Vos).

Protocol of the Election Meeting (tops 6–9 of agenda) within the SEL General Meeting of September 11th 2007 in Erkner near Berlin (16.30 – 18.00)

Members present: 86

Top 7: Discharge of Council and Auditors. Harald Schreiber clarified the General Meeting was notified in due time together with date and location of the meeting and announced in News 42. Members absent had been asked to vote by mail, but there were no votes. Discharge of Council and Auditors was accepted fully with reference to the reports given. There was no one against an open vote.

Top 8: **Gerhard Tarmann** had been proposed by the former Council and elected as President. He had declared his readiness, no other candidates were proposed and thereupon elected unanimously. There were no abstentions, except for his own.

Joaquin Baixeras had been proposed vice-president by the former Council and elected unanimously. No other candidates were proposed by the assembly. No votes against him and no abstentions except for his own.

David Agassiz had been proposed to be re-elected for Secretary General and **Willy De Prins** for Membership Secretary by the former Council and since no other candidates were proposed they were elected unanimously, there were no votes against and no abstentions, except for there own.

Robert Trusch had been proposed for treasurer and re-election by the former Council. No other candidates were proposed, he then was elected unanimously with no abstentions, except his own.

Matthias Nuss had been proposed editor by the former Council. He was elected unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Bernard Landry had been adopted co-editor by the former Council. The assembly was asked to confirm the decision and did so. There were no votes against and no abstentions.

Nils Ryrholm had been proposed as an ordinary member of the Council and candidate for re-election for another 2 years. He was elected unanimously. No abstentions apart from his own.

Andreas Kun, **David Demerges** and **Jörg Gelbrecht** were proposed as candidates for ordinary Council members and since no other candidates were proposed, they were elected by the assembly. No votes against or abstentions.

Top 9: **Axel Steiner** was proposed and ready to be re-elected as auditor and elected unanimously with no abstentions.

Rolf Mörtter had been proposed as the second auditor by the former Council to replace Günter Ebert in this function. There was no other candidate proposed. He was elected unanimously with no abstentions except for his own.

Harald Schreiber (Chairman of Election Meeting)
David Lees (for the protocol)

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Report of the Council of SEL for the period 15th September 2005 – 10th September 2007

The XIV Congress of Lepidopterology took place in Rome in September 2005. Alberto Zilli and colleagues were thanked for a very enjoyable and informative Congress.

A General Meeting was held in Rome as reported in *News* 40. Niels Peder Kristensen was re-elected President, Gerhard Tarmann was elected Vice-President and other officers were re-elected except that David Agassiz was elected General Secretary in place of Christoph Häuser, who had resigned on account of pressure of work.

Council meetings

Council met briefly following the General Meeting in Rome, then in Copenhagen on 28–29 October 2006 and at Erkner on 8–10 September 2007. Matthias Nuss expressed the wish to resign as Editor, but was persuaded to continue with Bernard Landry as co-editor. There was also much email communication between officers and members between meetings.

On account of the cost and our difficulty in finding effective representatives, it was decided to discontinue our membership of IUCN.

The Crimea had been suggested as a venue for the XVI Congress, but it transpired that this would not be possible. Council were delighted to find that L. Rákosy was prepared to host the Congress in Romania.

The Council has been considering the possibility of a history of the Society being written now that we are 30 years old, an author has provisionally been identified.

Membership

We were saddened to learn of the death of one honorary member: Laszlo Gozmány, also four ordinary members: B.A. Izenbek, M. Ogata, P. Schwarzbauer, & J. Wettenhovi.

Members failing to pay subscriptions were tracked down, many paid the arrears but 25 had to be struck off. The current membership stands at 581. A new flier prepared by Alberto Zilli is to be printed shortly and members are asked to help recruit new members for SEL.

The SEL website www.soceurlep.org had been improved and maintained by Stanislav Abadjiev.

Publications

News 40, 41 and 42 have been published. *Nota lepidopterologica* with two parts per year has been published on time with an increased number of pages containing many coloured illustrations.

SEL study site

Whilst there have been no organised meetings at the study site, it has been visited by many members. This has been much appreciated by local hoteliers.

David Agassiz, General Secretary, 11th September 2007

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Report of the Treasurer for the period 1st January 2005 – to 31st December 2006

The final calculations for the years 2005 and 2006 and the accounts were audited by Günter Ebert, Karlsruhe, and Axel Steiner, Wöschbach, without remarks. The responsible tax office (in the town of Karlsruhe) has confirmed on the 18th of April, 2007 that SEL is released from the corporation tax for 2004, 2005, and 2006. In Germany members can continue to deduct their fees from their income-tax report. In short the figures are as follows:

€ – EURO		**2005**		**2006**
Income		18.714,54		22.366,04
Expense		19.809,60		12.540,18
Balance		**- 1.095,06**		**9.825,86**
Accounts	31.12.05:	20.191,25	31.12.06:	30.017,11
Accounts	01.01.05:	21.286,31	01.01.06:	20.191,25
Balance		**- 1.095,06**		**9.825,86**

I would like to thank especially our local treasurers for their work! I know about the difficulties reminding members over and over again. But it seems to be very necessary, because the existence of SEL depends on a well balanced account of membership fees. – I ask for your applause!

Finally, I wish to thank our auditors Günter Ebert and Axel Steiner for their careful and timely check of our calculations and accounts.

Robert Trusch, Treasurer, 11th September 2007

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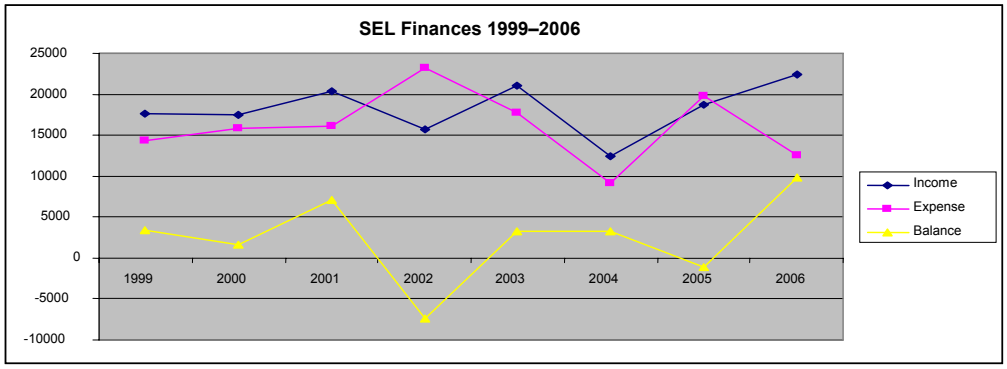
€ – Euro	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Income	17,649.48	17,437.99	20,301.47	15,760.60	20,986.06	12,471.86	18,714.54	22,366.04
Expense	14,315.49	15,881.32	16,169.95	23,201.10	17,771.46	9,178.56	19,809.60	12,540.18
Balance	**3,333.99**	**1,556.67**	**7,131.52**	**-7,440.50**	**3,214.60**	**3,293.30**	**-1,095.06**	**9,825.86**



Report of the editors of *Nota lepidopterologica* for the volumes 29 (2006) – 30 (2007)

Within the period reported, Bernard Landry accepted to act as co-editor of *Nota lepidopterologica*. Thomas Fartmann and Niklas Wahlberg, two butterfly specialists, joined the editorial board. *Nota lepidopterologica* changed to a bi-annual journal with timely appearance of the two issues on May 15 and November 15. Along with this change, more pages per issue are planned to be printed and the total number of papers per year will be increased if manuscripts keep being submitted steadily. The first issue of 2007, the biggest so far, contained 16 papers; the second issue will probably include 14.

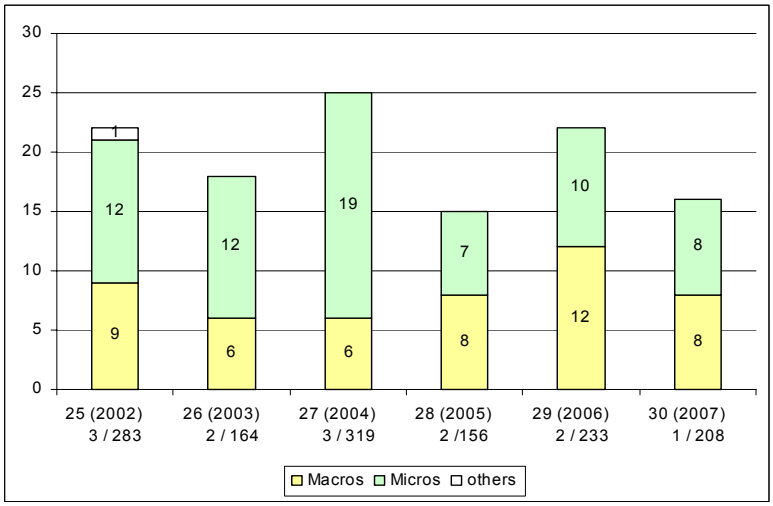


Fig. Number of published papers per volume since 2002. Numbers of issues and pages per volume are indicated. Issue number 2 of 2007 is not counted here. The Microlepidoptera include Zygaenoidea, Psychidae, Sesioidea, Cossoidea.

The price for one issue (comprising layout, print, postage) raised from 6,140.56 € (29 (1/2) 2006) to 10,162.67 € (20 (1) 2007). This increase can be explained by the higher number of pages and colour images as well as their better print quality. The latter has been achieved by contracting a new printing company.

In 2008, we are going to apply for the ISI impact factor for the journal, hoping to make it more attractive to authors and subscribers.

Manuscripts for 2008 are more than welcome!

Bernard Landry & Matthias Nuss

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Back to the roots of SEL (XVth SEL-Congress 2007, Erkner near Berlin, opening lecture)

In their letter introducing the idea of creating a European lepidopterists' society, Rienk de Jong and Otakar Kudrna referred to the Lepidopterists' Society of the US founded thirty years earlier. If nothing else had been achieved so far, SEL has existed for more than three decades now since it was established in 1976. It was actually the third attempt which was successful (cf. Heath 1987, de Jong 2001, Kudrna 2007). The inaugural meeting took place in Bonn at the Alexander Koenig Museum on the 18th and 19th of September 1976 in historical rooms, where the first chancellor Adenauer of the German Republic had his office in 1948. Those invited to the founder meeting came from 8 different countries but 15 different institutions. There are 20 persons in the photograph (fig. 1) since Dr. Alberti was present on the first day only because of health reasons. He had signed the attendance list (table 1), which contains 21 names. Lühr from Norway put "observer" behind his name but became a member and regular participant of congresses. According to the files of SEL, 22 people belong to the founding group. The 22nd is Miss Pamela Gilbert from the BMNH, London. She had been contacted by John Heath the day before, who had asked her for cooperation in respect of bibliography in the field of Lepidoptera to which she agreed. Though Miss Gilbert is first recorded in the membership list of 1989, she was on duty for the society right from the beginning chair of the committee for current literature and served second-longest to Sigbert Wagener.

Fig. 1. Inaugural meeting of the SEL, 18–19 September 1976 in Bonn (Germany).

Table 1. Members attending the Inaugural Meeting of the SEL in Bonn, Germany, 18–19 September 1976.

Dr. Burchard Alberti	1898 – 1988	Rosdorf near Göttingen, Germany
Dr. Hans-Erkmar Back		Museum Alexander Koenig, Bonn, Germany
Prof. Dr. Georges Bernardi	1922 – 1999	Museum National d'Histoire naturelle, Paris, France
Wilhelm Lubertus Blom	1906 – 1982	Groningen, the Netherlands
Dr. Claude Dufay	1926 – 2001	Dept. Zoology and Evolution, Chaponost, France
Günter Ebert		State Museum of Natural History, Karlsruhe, Germany
John Heath	1922– 1987	Biological Record Centre, Abbots Ripton, Great Britain
Gerhard Hesselbarth	1912 – 1999	Diepholz, Germany
Dr. Rienk de Jong		Nat. Museum of Nat. History, Leiden, the Netherlands
Dr. Friedrich Kasy	1920 – 1990	Museum of Natural History, Vienna, Austria
M. phil. Otakar Kudrna		Museum Alexander Koenig, Bonn, Germany
Prof. Dr. Zdravko Lorković	1900 – 1998	Academy of Sciences and Art, Zagreb Croatia
Ing. Carl Frederik Lühr	1901 – 1991	Vagamo, Norway
Nguyen Thi Hong		Museum National d'Histoire naturelle, Paris, France
Ing. Magne Opheim	1898 – 1987	Zoological Museum, Oslo, Norway
Harry van Oorschot		Inst. of Taxonomic Zool., Amsterdam, the Netherlands
Dr. Ebbe Schmidt-Nielsen	1950 – 2001	Zoological Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark
Dr. Harald Schreiber		Inst. of Biogeography, Saarbrücken, Germany
Dr. Klaus Günter Schurian		Kelkheim, Germany
Richard Irwin Vane-Wright		British Museum of Natural History, London, Great Britain
Dr. Pater Sigbert Wagener	1919 – 2004	Bocholt, Germany

By the end of 1976, after only 3 months, the society had 64 members of the nationalities listed (table 2). I will concentrate in the following on those persons, elected for the first council and to the committees (table 3), who devoted much of their time to the various tasks of SEL, where to start with the lack of resources was made up for good will and enthusiasm. Some served for 4 years, others for 10 and Sigbert Wagener for 16 years in different positions in succession, first as membership secretary and afterwards as treasurer. Fig. 2 shows the president and vice-president of the first SEL council in Cambridge in 1981.

Fig. 2. Rienk de Jong and John Heath, Cambridge 1981.

Fig. 3a. John Heath, St. Ives 1976.

Fig. 3b. Vol. I of "The Moths and Butterflies of Great Britain and Ireland"

Rienk de Jong, who had inspired the foundation of SEL together with Otakar Kudrna was from the NMNH, known as Rijksmuseum, in Leiden (now Naturalis), a 180 year-old institution, which hosts 15 million specimens, according to its homepage. He was one of 24 curators there till he retired in 2006, the curator responsible for Macrolepidoptera and research and the terrestrial coordinator for SE-Asia. But in spite of his commitment in the museum, he managed to be president of SEL for a full decade. His special interests are in the family Hesperiidae, as many of his publications show (e.g. de Jong 1972). Puplications of general

interest deal with topics like "Character displacement in butterflies - a fiction?" (de Jong 1981), "The biological species concept and the aims of taxonomy" (de Jong 1982) or "Affinities between West Palaearctic and the Ethiopian butterfly faunas" (de Jong 1976). He demonstrated another aspect of his many–sidedness with his lecture about "Fossils and the origin of butterflies" given at the Congress in Korsør in 2002.

Table 2. Number of SEL members from different countries by the end of 1976 (Total: 64).

Austria	2	Great Britain	6	Norway	2
Belgium	1	India	2	Spain	3
Czechia	2	Italy	2	Sweden	1
Denmark	2	Japan	1	Switzerland	2
Finland	2	Luxembourg	1	United States	1
France	4	Netherlands	6	Yugoslavia	3
Germany	21				

Table 3. Members of the first SEL Council elected in 1976.

	In charge	
President	10 years	Dr. Rienk de Jong
Vice-President	10 years	John Heath
General Secretary	10 years	Günter Ebert
Editor	4 years	M. phil. Otakar Kudrna
Treasurer	4 years	Dr. Hans-Erkmar Back
Membership Secretary	4 years	Dr. P. Sigbert Wagener
	12 years as treasuer	
Meeting Secretary	4 years	Prof. Dr. Georges Bernardi
Chairmen of committees:		
Taxonomy & Nomenclature	6 years	Dr. Ebbe Schmidt-Nielsen
Environmental Research &	4 years	Dr. Friedrich Kasy
Protection	4 years	Gerhard Hesselbarth (secretary)
Current Literature	15 years	Pamela Gilbert

I first got to know **John Heath** at the Symposium of the European Invertebrate Survey, held in Saarbrücken in 1972 and we had many contacts due to mutual interests and the work of EIS. It was a project he had set up together with the Belgian Professor Jean Leclercq from Gembloux. It was sad to learn of John's early death at the age of only 65. As Barry Goater (1988) expressed it in an obituary, John was a "pillar" segment of SEL, not only in his function as vice-president for a period of 10 years. See also de Bros & Geiger (1988). His special interests were in the family Micropterigidae, his first of over 120 publications (Heath 1978), including those, he edited, was on a psychid (Heath 1940). He was editor in chief, together with associates of a book-series, planned for 11 volumes and published: "*The Moths and Butterflies of Great Britain and Ireland*", of which 4 volumes had appeared by the time of his death (fig. 3) (Heath & Emmet 1979–1985). He designed a light trap, bearing his name. He worked in pest control, spent a year in Rhodesia (the Zimbabwe of today), and finally was made head of the Biological Records Centre in Monks Wood near Cambridge from 1967 till his retirement, he was president of the British Entomological and Natural History Society in 1982.

Fig. 4. Harald Schreiber and John Heath, Paris 1978.

Fig. 5. Hans-Erkmar Back as a student, 1967.

John was a person, always on the run! And you can imagine, from the way he looks (fig. 4), he wanted others to move too. He did not stay still while he gave a lecture in a music hall at the University of the Saarland, but walked continuously around, making the audience fear, he might eventually fall from the dais when he came close to the edge. At the congress in Karlsruhe in 1980 he injured his head by getting up too fast from bed, probably hit by a sudden idea. He had to consult surgeon Diehl, who fortunately was attending the congress too.

I show a photograph (fig. 5) of the society's first treasurer, **Hans-Erkmar Back**, from our common student times because it relates to what has happened to him in later years. He was leading an excursion to Mali in the late 90s. In the picture he is handling a harmless viperine snake, *Natrix maura*, in Southern France. But in the Sahara, in Mali, he was bitten by a hornviper, the haemotoxic sidewinder viper *Cerastis cerastis*, when he wanted to show participants of the excursion a lizard, hidden under a rock. Getting proper cure only weeks afterwards in Germany, the consequences of the accident led to his being paralyzed on one side and unable to do any work. Back was treasurer for 4 years and was succeeded by Sigbert Wagener in this position. Back had done his PhD on the genus *Pleurota* (Back 1973) and published about Crambinae and Ethmiidae of the Saarland (Back 1970, 1972) and on Rhopalocera and other Lepidoptera of the Sahara (Back 1978, 1981). He focused on the latter so much that he quit his curator job at the Alexander Koenig Museum in Bonn and started a bureau with the name "Naturnah" (literally: close to nature) in Bonn together with partners.

Otakar Kudrna, the other inspirer of SEL, apart from de Jong, is a Czech born, British citizen, living in Germany (fig. 6). He took on the laborious task of editor and stayed for 4 years. It was interesting to learn from a note of Torben Larsen (2006) in *News* **41**, that the original *Zerinthia*-logo was designed by his late wife Kiki. One of Kudrna's publicatons in co-authorship with Ackery (Kudrna & Ackery 1977) deals with the suppression of the name *Parnalius* Rafinesque, 1815 in favour of the Ochsenheimer name *Zerinthia*, published one year later. Kudrna published more than 80 papers and books, concentrating on the butterflies of Europe with respect to systematics, biogeography, ecology and conservation. I mention his revision of the genus *Hipparchia* (Kudrna 1977), the *Butterflies of Europe* (1986) or the *Distribution Atlas of European Butterflies* (2002). He inspired the foundation of the Society for the Conservation of Butterflies (GfS) in Bad Neustadt in 1988. Results of research are published in the GfS journal "*Oedippus*".

Fig. 6a. Otakar Kudrna.

Fig. 6b. Cover of *Oedippus* 12.

Sigbert Wagener was responsible as membership secretary first and then as treasurer, altogether for 16 years and was rewarded with honorary membership in 1992. The German ministry too had honoured him with the Order de Merit, 1st class for advisory work in the field of nature conservation. He died in 2004. Willy De Prins wrote the obituary (2004). Wagener can be seen on the left (fig. 7) in his Capuchin robes together with his supervisor de Lattin on the occasion of the International Entomological Congress in Vienna in 1960. Wagner's doctoral thesis is a revision of the East-Asian forms of the genus *Melanargia* (Wagener 1956). Though a teacher at a high school of the former Capuchin monastery in Bocholt, he could not hide his interests in Lepidoptera and was given the nickname "the moth". He published more than 50 papers and described 24 taxa (all but one in *Melanargia*). Five taxa, described by others, bear his name. In 1995, he published in co-authorship with two other SEL-founder members, Gerhard Hesselbarth and Harry van Oorschot, "*The Butterflies of Turkey*", a comprehensive 3-volume treatise of 2200 pages with 170 colour plates. To give an example of its thoroughness, I checked why the logo-butterfly is named *Zerynthia* and no longer *Thais* or *Parnalius* and I found all the information needed. He donated his collection of more than 100,000 specimens to the Alexander Koenig Museum in Bonn. The photo on the right shows him in Budapest 1973 at the SIEEC-Congress. He carries a glass of wine, which will remind those of you, who participated, of his "farewell drink" in Korsør in 2002.

Fig. 7a.: Gustaf de Lattin and Sigbert Wagener, Vienna 1960.

Fig. 7b. Harald Schreiber & Sigbert Wagener, Budapest 1983.

Georges Bernardi (fig. 8: front, second from right) had been elected meetings secretary and hosted and organized the 1st SEL Congress in the National Museum of Natural History in Paris in 1978 (fig. 8). According to an obituary by J. Pierre (2000), Bernardi died in 1999 at the age of 77. Benardi was of Russian origin. He and his parents had to leave Russia in 1928 and settled in Suresnes, in the west of Paris. Bernardi participated in sessions of the Entomological Society from the age of 16 onwards, but had to work in a factory to earn his living. After engagement by a private collector, he worked in the entomological laboratory of the museum. He got a diploma in 1953 with a study on the classification of Pieridae of Madagascar and his PhD with a topic on the geographical variation of birds and Lepidoptera (cf. Pierre 2000). His main interests were speciation, polymorphism, mimetics and nomenclature of Rhopalocera, especially nymphalids. He had a leading role in the Société de Biogéographie and was also engaged in EIS from the very beginning. Bernardi had kept a strong Russian accent and spoke in a rapid and staccato manner. He was very interesting to listen to but difficult to understand. He worked together with his assistant, Nguyen Thi Hong (fig. 8: fourth from left), another founder member of SEL.

Fig. 8. 1st SEL-Congress, Paris 1978.

Ebbe Schmidt Nielsen (fig. 8: rear, second from left) was chairman of the committee for taxonomy and nomenclature for 6 years till he moved to Canberra in Australia. He died from a heart attack in 2001 at the age of only 51. I refer in his case to the comprehensive obituary by Kristensen (2001). Not only data of his curriculum vitae are mentioned but some human shortcomings too which make a person even more sympathetic in my eyes.

Fig. 9 shows **Pamela Gilbert**, chair-"woman" of the committee for current literature and librarian (now retired) of the Department of Entomology of the BMNH in London. She devoted much time to the Bibliography of Palaearctic Lepidoptera with the help of recorders from different countries, among them regularly the founder members Kasy, Lorković and

Wagener (Gilbert 1978–1979, 1981–1990). She stayed for 15 years in this position till the publication of this series stopped. She is one of the Society's honorary members today.

Fig. 9. Pamela Gilbert, retired librarian of Dept. of Entomology Library, NMNH, London.

Fig. 10. Friedrich Kasy, Hainburger Berge, 1984.

Chairman elected for the committee on environmental research and protection, was **Friedrich Kasy** of the Natural History Museum in Vienna. The publication on the importance of Red lists in Lepidopterology by Ebert, Hesselbarth & Kasy (1978) led to a strong reaction from Alberti (1979) who argued against red lists and in favour of habitat protection. Kasy was chairman for 4 years in cooperation with Gerhard Hesselbarth as secretary. Fig. 10 shows Kasy in 1984 in the Nature Reserve Hainburger hills, E of Vienna, which hosts a thermophilic Pannonian flora and fauna with, among others, *Allium flavum*, *Echinops ritro* (cf. fig 10), *Artemisia campestris*, *Stipa eriocaulis*, *Prunus mahaleb* and a total of ca. 1350 Lepidoptera (Kasy 1983). Kasy was Curator of the Museum till his retirement and he died in 1990 at the age of 70. He was especially interested in Microlepidoptera and left his collection of ca. 25.000 specimens to the museum. He was a very busy scientist and continued to work in the museum beyond retirement. His list of publications amounts to 110, as stated in an obituary by Maximilian Fischer (Fischer 1991). He was engaged in nature conservation and honoured several times by the government of Austria.

His colleague in the committee on environmental research and protection **Gerhard Hesselbarth**, who died in 1999 (Meyer-Westfeld 2000), was teacher in Quakenbrück (fig. 8: second row, third from right). He was interested in biology, ecology, zoogeography and the protection of Rhopalocera and had travelled to Turkey almost 30 times in preparation of "*The butterflies of Turkey*", published in co-authorship with van Oorschot and Wagener in 1995.

Last, not least, I have to mention the society's general secretary **Günter Ebert**, who remained in this position for 10 years. He had taken care of the necessary legal steps in the beginning to get full recognition of SEL as a non-profit organization. It has its seat in Karlsruhe ever since. Fig. 11 shows Ebert in preparation of volume 6 of "*The Lepidoptera of Baden-Württemberg*" (Ebert 1991–2005) together with a specialist, responsible for the layout (Kleinschrot) in 1997. The cover of volume 10 is shown on the right. It might be the misfortune of Ebert to be always identified primarily with these books, similar to a star of a movie series. This neglects other merits he earned, and it remains an open question where he got the time to do all this. Apart from his work in the museum he found the time to travel, e.g. to Pamir/Iran together with the late Clas Nauman in 1971. Ebert was curator of Macrolepidoptera in Karlsruhe till his retirement in 2000. His reports on the collection,

published in three parts (Ebert 1965, 1977 & 2004) are most interesting to read in respect to how much additional material was acquired and how the collection was curated. Ebert founded the entomological section of the local natural history society in Karlsruhe.

Fig. 11: Ebert & Kleinschrot, Karlsruhe 1997.

Fig. 11b. Cover of volume 10 "*Die Schmetterlinge Baden-Württembergs*".

Ebert was honoured by the German Society for general and applied Entomology (DGaaE) with the Fabricius medal in 2003 (Naumann 2003), with the Ernst-Jünger-prize by Baden-Württemberg in 2004 (Trusch 2004a, b) and was appointed corresponding member of the entomological society of Munich in 2005 (Vorstand MEG 2005). Ebert organized the 2nd SEL Congress in Karlsruhe in 1980 (fig. 12).

Fig. 12. 2nd SEL-Congress, Karlsruhe 1980.

The XVth SEL Congress is hosted again by Germany and is attended by more participants than ever, many from overseas. It clearly shows that SEL is in good heart which is also demonstrated by the society's journal *Nota Lepidopterologica* with volume 30, recently published, which looks highly professional. Congratulations to the editors Nuss and Landry. I wish the congress well and SEL, in harmony with its Latin name, *vivat*, *crescat*, *floreat* for the future.

I have to thank Willy De Prins, Leefdaal, Belgium, for assistance in checking data from the membership files and Roland K. Eberwein, Klagenfurt, Austria, who identified *Allium flavum* as the yellow species on the photograph of Friedrich Kasy in the hills of Hainburg.

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New honorary members of the SEL

Günter Ebert

Günter Ebert is German, born in 1935. He was educated as a businessman and worked as such until 1963, when he started work at the Landessammlungen für Naturkunde, Karlsruhe.

In 1957 he made first of several collecting/inventorying trips to SW Asia (Afghanistan in the first place), and within the framework of a German Development aid program in 1970 he became associated with the Plant Pest & Deseases Research Institute (PPDRI) in Teheran (where he lived for a period). After his return in 1973 he resumed work at the Karlsruhe Museum, from which he finally retired in 2002, being by that time in charge of the Entomology Department; however, he continued to have interactions with the entomology communities in SW Asia. He was a co-founder of the SEL, and was the general secretary of the Society during its first decade.

Ebert has authored several journal articles on C. European and SW Asian Lepidoptera, but above all he is known as the editor of, large-scale contributor to, and overall driving force behind, the publication of the now complete 10-volume monograph series "Die Schmetterlinge Baden-Württembergs", the publication of which covered a time span from 1991 well into the 21st century. He already received considerable regional/national recognition for this achievement, including the Ernst-Jünger-Preis für Entomologie of the state Baden Württemberg. However, the extraordinary richness in these books of information on the insects' habitat associations, life histories, phenology and regional fluctuations – coupled with their similarly extraordinarily ample and attractive photographic documentation of the different life stages confer on the series and importance that extends far beyond the borders of Baden-Württemberg or Germany; indeed all European lepidopterists can likely find something of interest here. This fact in conjunction with Ebert's previous distinguished services to the SEL amply justifies his honorary membership of the Society.

Peter Hättenschwiler

Peter Hättenschwiler is Swiss, born in 1927. He was trained as an instrument maker and worked in the textile industry, developing mechanical and electronic tools for assessment of textile fibre quality, a field in which he became a recognized authority and author of some technical publications. Building on the foundation of an early interest in the Lepidoptera as a whole he eventually specialized in the Psychidae: indeed a group of moths in whose biology textile fibres – namely silk – play an enormous role! His many original findings are in no small measure due to his extraordinary experience with, and skills in, the rearing of these moths.

Hättenschwiler's first article on psychids in 1963 was followed by more than 40 publications, many in our Society's journal. They include contributions outlining a systematization of the Palaearctic genera written jointly with professor W. Sauter, but arguably culminated in the impressive 1997 treatment of the family in the 2nd volume of the Swiss work "Schmetterlinge und ihre Lebensräume". This work may well be considered one of the most extensive and finest examples of amateur research in European lepidopterology in recent decades, and the SEL's recognition of a contribution of this calibre in the year of its author's 80th birthday seems timely indeed.

Niels Peder Kristensen

Niels Peder Kristensen is Danish, born in 1940. He was educated as a zoologist from the University of Copenhagen where he, apart from studies abroad, worked through his

professional career as a curator of Lepidoptera, and later as a professor in entomology. He was also for many years president of the Entomological Society of Denmark.

He is one of the few lepidopterists who have paid attention to the so-called "soft anatomy" (muscles, nerves, glands…) and he is an absolute authority in this field. He is a specialist in the phylogeny of the basal lepidopteran lineages and published many outstanding papers on this subject. His most recent literary achievement consists in editing the two volumes of the prestigious series Handbook of Zoology. He is the supervisor of many students and a supporter of young entomologists (e.g. Francesca Vegliante, Thomas Simonsen). He has always promoted the cooperation between scientists instead of competition and was always generously prepared to help colleagues, not in the least amateur lepidopterists. He has a great interest and an immense knowledge in general entomology and was involved in many European projects like EDIT and SYNTHESIS.

The SEL wishes to honour Niels Peder Kristensen for all his achievements in entomology in general, and in lepidopterology in particular, and not in the least for presiding the society in an outstanding way for about 10 years.

Yuri Pavlovich Nekrutenko

Yuri Nekrutenko is Ukrainian, born in 1936. He first graduated from the Biological Faculty of the Shevchenko University in Kiev, and in 1969 he obtained his doctorate for a monograph of *Gonepteryx* butterflies, to which he had devoted a number of previous publications, his studies including assessment of characters furnished by ultraviolet reflectance wing pattern. Since 1967, he worked on systematic entomology in the Ukrainian Plant Protection Institute, and from 1979 he was full-time senior research lepidopterist at the Schmalhausen Institute of Zoology of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, primarily charged with the study the butterfly fauna of the Ukraine, Crimea and Caucasus and paying considerable attention to nature conservation strategy. Over the years he performed field work in these regions on a large-scale, and his research resulted in numerous journal articles and in two faunal monographs on the butterflies of Crimea and Caucasus, published in 1985 and 1990 respectively.

The SEL wishes to honour Yuri Nekrutenko not only for his extensive empirical work on butterlfly systematics, bionomics and biogeography, but also for the outstanding services he has done to the Society through his contributions as an editorial board member of Nota Lepidopterologica. His clear mind, his extensive knowledge in nomenclature, history and literature, not to mention his proficiency in several languages has proved a great asset in this capacity.

Willy De Prins
Ole Karsholt
Niels Peder Kristensen
Gerhard Tarmann
Francesca Vegliante
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XVIth European Congress of Lepidopterology, 25–31 May 2009, Cluj, Romania

1st circular

Dear Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen! We would like to invite you to the XVIth European Congress of Lepidopterology, taking place in Cluj (Transylvania), Romania from 25th to 31st May 2009. The host of the Symposium is the Department for Taxonomy and Ecology of the Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj, Transylvania, Romania.

Travelling

By car: Vienna – Budapest – Oradea – Cluj

By train: Vienna – Budapest – Oradea – Cluj

By plane: direct flights from Barcelona, Budapest, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt-am-Main, Madrid, Milan, Munich, Rome, Stuttgart, Trieste, Vienna, etc.

From early 2008 a direct flight from London will be available, as well as other direct international flights (more info at *www.airportcluj.ro*).

Cluj

Cluj is a real university city with more than 75,000 students. It is situated in the Somes valley at 350m altitude. The city is characterised by its history (Roman, Hungarian, German, and Romanian), its culture and by its beautiful surroundings which have attracted many entomologists and botanists over the years. The culinary abilities and the wonderful Kokenthaler wines attract tourists from various regions.

(more information at *www.romaniatourism.com/cluj.html*)

During the congress, we shall stay in two hotels in the city centre (prices vary from 40–65 Euro/Person/Night). A post-congress excursion (2 or more days) will be organised in the nearby village of Rimetea. Prices on the basis of half board (breakfast and dinner included) will vary from 17–20 Euro/Person/Night. Collecting near Rimetea will be allowed.

The proceedings of the congress will be published in a special issue of the journal *Entomologica romanica*.

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Unsere SEL-Erfahrungen

Svetlana:

Der XV. SEL-Kongress gab uns allen die Möglichkeit, viele interessante Menschen zu treffen und mehr über die Forschungsschwerpunkte zu erfahren, mit denen sich unsere Kollegen befassen. Das ist sehr wichtig für junge Wissenschaftlerinnen wie mich. Wenn man mit so einer großen weit verbreiteten Kleinschmetterlingsfamilie wie den Tortricidae arbeitet, ist der Austausch mit Kollegen überall in der Welt sehr wichtig. Während des Kongresses hatte ich dazu viele Gelegenheiten.

Eine andere wichtige Chance war die Möglichkeit, meine eigenen wissenschaftlichen Forschungen mit älteren Spezialisten zu diskutieren. Hinweise und Beratungen sind obligatorische Teile für das Forschungsprogramm eines jungen Studenten. Und in meinem Fall waren diese neuen Kontakte sehr erfolgreich und produktiv. Ich hoffe, dass wir nach dem Kongress die Zusammenarbeit gemeinsam fortsetzen.

Der weite Spanne der verschiedenen Forschungsfelder war hochinteressant. Molekulare Methoden der phylogenetischen Analyse, Biodiversität und Systematik, jedes in verschiedenen Sektionen. Diese Vielfalt bot einen wirklichen Eindruck der Vielgestaltigkeit in der Lepidopterologen-Gemeinschaft und machte die Tagungsveranstaltungen so ergiebig. Außerdem machte die enorme Menge von interessanten Beiträgen die tägliche Entscheidung schwer, an welchem Workshop man teilnehmen solle. Ich wollte am liebsten alle besuchen.

Verblüfft war ich über die technische Organisation des Kongresses. Es ist klar, dass so ein großer und wichtiger Kongress enormen Einsatz über den gesamten Zeitraum erfordert. Das Ergebnis dieses Einsatzes ergab einen exzellent geplanten und reibungslos verlaufenden Kongress. Wir hatten einen wunderbaren Bootsausflug auf der Spree und besuchten das Naturkundemuseum der Humboldt Universität Berlin. Ich danke den Organisatoren für diesen Kongress und ich bin allen Teilnehmern für die außergewöhnlichen Diskussionen und interessanten Präsentationen dankbar.

Amanda:

Der September war für mich ein Monat der Ersten Ereignisse. Nicht nur mein erster SEL-Kongress, auch meine erste Reise nach Europa. Ich hatt Angst allein anzukommen und kein deutsch zu sprechen, aber meine Bedenken waren unbegründet. Die Orientierung in der Stadt und auf dem Kongress war sehr einfach. Ich bin jetzt schlichtweg neidisch auf das Berliner Nahverkehrssystem.

Nach der Ankunft begann ich sofort, viele neue Kollegen sowie auch alte Bekannte zu treffen. Eines der ersten Dinge, die mir wirklich auffielen, war die Verschiedenheit der Leute, die den Kongress besuchten. Wie bei der Lepidopterologischen Gesellschaft Nordamerikas, war es auch hier eine Kombination von Profis und Amateuren. Das ist ausgesprochen selten in wissenschaftlichen Gesellschaften und ich glaube, dass diese Kombination der Lepidopterologie besonders dienlich ist. Ich war auch darüber erstaunt, wie viele Länder beim Kongress vertreten waren. Es war wirklich internationaler Kongress. Ich fand es sehr spannend und anregend, am Tisch zu sitzen und auf der einen Seite dänisch und auf der anderen Seite russisch zu hören.

Mit meiner Beteiligung am Projekt „Tree of Life – Lepidoptera“ gab mir die Teilnahme an der Tagung außerdem die Möglichkeit, mich mit Kollegen auszutauschen, die an ähnlichen Projekten in Europa mitarbeiten. Ich hatte eine Menge anregender Gespräche mit Mitgliedern des EDIT und Cate Projektes sowie auch mit Forschern des Projektes „Phylogenie der Ditrysia“ aus Finnland. Es war unschätzbar, mit diesen Kollegen persönlich zusammenzukommen. Verblüffend, wie viel man bei ein paar Gläsern Bier erreichen und diskutieren kann. Alles in allem war der SEL-Kongress der produktivste und anregendste

Kongress, den ich je besucht habe. Ich bin dankbar, dass ich die Möglichkeit hatte, an beidem teilzunehmen, dem Symposium und dem Pyraloidea-workshop und danke aufrichtig allen, die diesen Kongress möglich machten. Ich bin glücklich über vielen verschiedenen Leute, die ich treffen und die Beziehungen, die ich knüpfen konnte. Die Kooperationen mit diesen Kollegen werden für viele zukünftige Jahre anhalten und ich freue mich darauf meine europäischen Kooperationspartner auf zukünftigen SEL-Kongressen wieder zu treffen. Es wird der Anfang sein von so vielem.

Amanda Roe und Svetlana Nedoshivina

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Jeremy Holloway and Michael Fibiger at the Congress Centre (Photo: Axel Steiner).

Robert Trusch and the Congress organiser, Wolfram Mey, in the lobby of the Congress Centre (Photo: Axel Steiner).

Protokoll der in Erkner bei Berlin, Deutschland, am 11. September 2007, 16.30 Uhr, gehaltenen Mitgliederversammlung

1. Der Präsident, Niels Peder Kristensen, begrüßte etwa 86 Mitglieder, die die Versammlung besuchten, und bat sie darum, in Erinnerung an jene aufzustehen, die seit der letzten Mitgliederversammlung verstorben waren.

2. Der Generalsekretär verlas den Bericht des Vorstandes über die vorhergehenden zwei Jahre; der Bericht wurde ohne Gegenstimme akzeptiert (siehe Seite 17).

3. Der Bericht des Schatzmeisters wurde vorgetragen und einstimmig von der Mitgliederversammlung akzeptiert (siehe Seite 18).

4. Der Bericht der Rechnungsprüfer wurde verlesen und mit Beifall angenommen.

5. Der Bericht des Herausgebers wurde von Matthias Nuss verlesen (siehe Seite 19).

6. Harald Schreiber wurde als Wahlleiter einstimmig akzeptiert.

7. Harald Schreiber beantragte die Entlassung von Vorstand, Rechnungsprüfern und Vorsitzendem. Dies wurde einstimmig akzeptiert.

Der scheidende Präsident zollte den Vorstandsmitgliedern Tribut, die die Arbeitslast zu tragen hatten, besonders Herausgeber und Mitgliedschaftssekretär.

8. Wahlen (siehe detailliertes Protokoll Seite 15)
Folgende Kandidaten wurden vom Vorstand vorgeschlagen und einstimmig von der Mitgliederversammlung akzeptiert:

Präsident: Gerhard Tarmann
Vizepräsident: Joaquin Baixeras
Mitgliedersekretär: Willy de Prins
Herausgeber: Matthias Nuss & Bernard Landry
Generalsekretär: David Agassiz
Einfache Vorstandsmitglieder: David Demerges (F), Jörg Gelbrecht (D) und Andras Kun (HU). Nils Ryrholm und Konstantin Efetov wurden 2005 für vier Jahre gewählt und setzen ihre Arbeit fort.

9. Bestellung der Rechnungsprüfer
Axel Steiner wurde wiederbestellt und Rolf Mörtter wurde an Stelle von Günter Ebert ernannt.

10. Der neu gewählte Präsident, Gerhard Tarmann dankte den scheidenden Vorstandsmitgliedern Niels Peder Kristensen und Laszlo Ronkay. Er kündigte die Ernennung von vier Ehrenmitgliedern durch den Vorstand an: Günter Ebert, Peter Hättenschwiler, Yuri Nekrutenko und Niels Peder Kristensen, und gab eine Zusammenfassung des Beitrags, den jeder einzelne für die Gesellschaft und die Europäische Lepidopterologie geleistet hat.

11. Laszlo Rákosy lud die Mitglieder zum XVI. SEL-Kongress nach Cluj, Rumänien vom 25–31. Mai 2009 ein. Er gab Details zum Tagungsort, zu Reiseoptionen und zu der Sammellokalität in der Umgebung von Rimetea bekannt. Die letzten zwei Tage des Kongresses würden der Feldarbeit dienen (siehe Seite 20).

12. Zukünftige Kongresse: Der Vorstand bittet um Angebote für die Ausrichtung des XVII. Kongress 2011; die Festlegung müsste im Oktober 2008 gemacht werden. Die Idee eines Gemeinschaftskongresses mit der Lepidopterologischen Gesellschaft von Nordamerika wurde verbreitet.

Richard Brown lud die Mitglieder zum nächsten Kongress der Lepidopterologischen Gesellschaft von Nordamerika ein, der in Mississippi im Juni 2008 stattfindet, und trug über den Kongress und seinen Standort vor.

13. Von den Mitgliedern waren keine Vorschläge eingegangen, folglich gab es keinen weiteren Tagesordnungspunkt.

14. Sonstiges: nihil.

David Agassiz, Generalsekretär, 11. September 2007

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Malcolm Scoble in conversation with the director of the ZMHB, and Wolfram Mey trying to group more than 100 participants for the congress photo (Photo: Axel Steiner).

Protokoll der Wahlversammlung (Punkte 6-9 der Tagesordnung) innerhalb der SEL Mitgliederversammlung vom 11. September 2007 in Erkner bei Berlin (16.30-18.00 Uhr)

Anwesende Mitglieder: 86

Top 7: Entlastung des Vorstandes und der Kassenprüfer. Harald Schreiber stellte fest, dass die Mitgliederversammlung rechtzeitig, unter Angabe von Zeitpunkt und Ort der Versammlung, einberufen und in den Nachrichten 42 angekündigt worden war. Nicht an der Versammlung teilnehmende Mitglieder waren um eine postalische Stimmabgabe gebeten worden; es lag aber keine Stimmabgabe vor. Entlastung des Vorstandes und der Kassenprüfer wurde im Hinblick auf die vorgetragenen Berichte einstimmig erteilt. Niemand verlangte eine geheime Abstimmung.

Top 8: **Gerhard Tarmann** wurde auf Vorschlag des früheren Vorstandes zum Präsidenten gewählt. Er hatte seine Bereitschaft erklärt und wurde, nachdem keine anderen Kandidaten vorgeschlagen worden waren, einstimmig gewählt. Es gab keine Stimmenthaltungen mit Ausnahme seiner eigenen.

Joaquin Baixeras wurde auf Vorschlag des früheren Vorstandes einstimmig zum Vizepräsidenten gewählt. Es waren keine anderen Kandidaten durch die Mitgliederversammlung vorgeschlagen worden. Es gab keine Gegenstimmen und, mit Ausnahme seiner eigenen, keine Enthaltungen.

David Agassiz war vom früheren Vorstand zur Wiederwahl als Generalsekretär und **Willy De Prins** als Mitgliedersekretär vorgeschlagen worden. Da keine anderen Kandidaten vorgeschlagen worden waren, wurden sie einstimmig wiedergewählt. Es gab keine Gegenstimmen und keine Enthaltungen mit Ausnahme ihrer eigenen.

Robert Trusch war vom früheren Vorstand für die Wiederwahl als Schatzmeister vorgeschlagen worden. Da keine anderen Kandidaten vorgeschlagen worden waren, wurde er einstimmig ohne Stimmenthaltung mit Ausnahme seiner eigenen wiedergewählt.

Matthias Nuss war vom früheren Vorstand als Schriftleiter zur Wiederwahl vorgeschlagen worden. Er wurde einstimmig ohne Stimmenthaltungen gewählt.

Bernard Landry war vom früheren Vorstand zum zusätzlichen Schriftleiter berufen worden. Die Mitgliederversammlung wurde aufgefordert, diese Entscheidung zu bestätigen und stimmte zu. Es gab keine Gegenstimmen oder Enthaltungen.

Nils Ryrholm war als ordentliches Vorstandsmitglied und Kandidat für die Wiederwahl für weitere 2 Jahre vorgeschlagen worden. Er wurde einstimmig und ohne Enthaltungen mit Ausnahme seiner eigenen gewählt.

Andreas Kun, **David Demerges** and **Jörg Gelbrecht** waren als Kandidaten für die Ämter als ordentliche Vorstandsmitglieder vorgeschlagen worden und wurden durch die Versammlung gewählt, da keine anderen Kandidaten vorgeschlagen worden waren. Es gab keine Gegenstimmen oder Enthaltungen.

Top 9: **Axel Steiner** war vorgeschlagen worden und bereit als Kassenprüfer wiedergewählt zu werden. Er wurde einstimmig ohne Enthaltungen gewählt.

Rolf Mörtter war durch den früheren Vorstand als zweiter Kassenprüfer vorgeschlagen worden um Günter Ebert in dieser Funktion zu ersetzen. Es wurde kein anderer Kandidat

vorgeschlagen. Er wurde einstimmig ohne Stimmenthaltung mit Ausnahme seiner eigenen gewählt.

Erkner bei Berlin, den 11. September 2007

gez. Harald Schreiber (Wahlversammlungsleiter)
gez. David Lees (Protokollführer)

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Vivid talks during the boat cruise on the river Spree, transporting the congress participants from the Congress Centre to the Zoologisches Museum der Humboldt Universität in the centre of Berlin (Photo: Axel Steiner).

Niels Peder Kristensen and Matthias Nuss during the reception in the ZMHB (Photo: Robert Trusch).

Klaus Sattler and the director of the ZMHB during the reception (Photo: Robert Trusch).

Bericht des SEL-Vorstandes für die Zeit vom 15.9.2005 bis zum 10.9.2007

Der XIV. Lepidopterologenkongress fand im September 2005 in Rom statt. Alberto Zilli und Kollegen sei für einen sehr angenehmen und informativen Kongress gedankt.

Eine Mitgliederversammlung wurde, wie in *News* 40 berichtet, in Rom abgehalten. Niels Peder Kristensen wurde als Präsident wiedergewählt, Gerhard Tarmann als Vizepräsident gewählt, die anderen Vorstandsmitglieder wurden wiedergewählt außer Christoph Häuser, der wegen hoher Arbeitsbelastung zurückgetreten war, und für den David Agassiz als Generalsekretär gewählt wurde.

Vorstandssitzungen

Der Rat traf sich kurz nach der Mitgliederversammlung in Rom, dann in Kopenhagen vom 28.–29. Oktober 2006 und in Erkner vom 8.–10. September 2007. Matthias Nuß drückte den Wunsch aus, als Herausgeber zurückzutreten, wurde aber überzeugt, die Arbeit mit Bernard Landry als Mitherausgeber fortzuführen. Zwischen den Treffen gab es ebenfalls sehr viel Kommunikation zwischen den Vorstandsmitgliedern über E-Mail. Wegen der Kosten und unseren Schwierigkeiten, geeignete Vertreter für die Arbeit in IUCN zu finden wurde beschlossen, unsere Mitgliedschaft zu beenden. Die Krim wurde als Tagungsort für den XVI. Kongress vorgeschlagen; leider hat sich herausgestellt, dass dies nicht möglich sein wird. Der Vorstand ist daher erfreut, dass L. Rákosy den Kongress in Rumänien ausrichten wird. Der Vorstand hat die Möglichkeit erwogen, eine Geschichte der Gesellschaft zu schreiben, die jetzt 30 Jahre alt ist. Ein Autor wurde unverbindlich angefragt.

Mitgliedschaften

Wir sind traurig zu erfahren, dass unser Ehrenmitglied Laszlo Gozmány verstorben ist, sowie die Mitglieder B. A. Izenbek, M. Ogata, P. Schwarzbauer und J. Wettenhovi. Mitglieder, die noch Beiträge schuldig waren, wurden ermittelt, viele zahlten die Rückstände. 25 Mitglieder, die auch nach Mahnung nicht zahlten, wurden ausgeschlossen. Die aktuelle Mitgliederzahl liegt bei 581. Ein neues Faltblatt wurde von Alberto Zilli hergestellt und wird in Kürze gedruckt. Die Mitglieder werden gebeten, bei der Einwerbung neuer SEL-Mitglieder zu helfen.

Die SEL-Website www.soceurlep.org ist von Stanislav Abadjiev verbessert und gewartet worden.

Veröffentlichungen

News 40, 41 und 42 sind veröffentlicht worden. *Nota lepidopterologica* ist mit einer erhöhten Seitenzahl und vielen farbigen Illustrationen in zwei Heften jährlich veröffentlicht worden.

SEL Studiengebiet

Obgleich es keine organisierten Treffen im Studiengebiet gab, wurde es von vielen Mitgliedern besucht. Dies wurde vor allem von den lokalen Hoteliers geschätzt.

David Agassiz, Generalsekretär, 11. September 2007

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Kassenbericht über den Zeitraum vom 01.01.2005 – 31.12.2006

Die Rechnungen für das Jahr 2005 und 2005 sind von den Kassenprüfern Günter Ebert, Karlsruhe, und Axel Steiner, Wöschbach, ohne Beanstandungen geprüft worden. Am 18.04.2007 hat uns das zuständige Finanzamt (Karlsruhe-Stadt) bestätigt, dass SEL für die Jahre 2004, 2005 und 2006 von der Körperschaftssteuer befreit ist. In Deutschland können die Mitglieder ihre gezahlten Beiträge weiterhin bei ihrer Einkommenssteuer absetzen (Az. 35022/74235; S 35, SG: 04/03). Die Zahlen:

€ – EURO		**2005**		**2006**
Einnahmen		18.714,54		22.366,04
Ausgaben		19.809,60		12.540,18
Saldo		**- 1.095,06**		**9.825,86**
Kontenstände	31.12.05:	20.191,25	31.12.06:	30.017,11
Kontenstände	01.01.05:	21.286,31	01.01.06:	20.191,25
Saldo		**- 1.095,06**		**9.825,86**

Ich möcht mich besonders bei unseren lokalen Schatzmeistern für die geleistete Arbeit herzlich bedanken! Ich weiß, dass es Mühe macht, alle Mitglieder eines Landes immer wieder an die Beitragszahlung zu erinnern. Aber diese Arbeit ist sehr wichtig, denn sie sichert die Lebensgrundlage der SEL. – Ich bitte um Ihren Applaus!

Zum Schluss danke ich den Kassenprüfern Günter Ebert und Axel Steiner für die sorgfältige und termingerechte Prüfung der Rechnungen und Konten.

Robert Trusch, Schatzmeister, 11. September 2007
(siehe auch Tabelle und Grafik Seite 8)
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Peder Skou and Thomas Simonsen on the boat (Photo: Robert Trusch).

Pasi Sihvonen during his talk (Photo: Robert Trusch).

Bericht der Redakteure der *Nota lepidopterologica* für die Bände 29 (2006) & 30 (2007)

Innerhalb des Berichtszeitraumes erklärte sich Bernard Landry bereit, als Ko-Redakteur der *Nota lepidopterologica* zu arbeiten. Thomas Fartmann und Niklas Wahlberg, zwei Tagfalterspezialisten, traten dem Redaktionskollegium bei. *Nota lepidopterologica* wandelte sich zu einer zweimal jährlich, regelmäßig am 15. Mai und 15. November erscheinenden Zeitschrift. Einhergehend mit dieser Änderung ist es geplant, mehr Seiten je Heft zu drucken und die absolute Anzahl gedruckter Manuskripte zu erhöhen, soweit die Einreichung von Manuskripten sich konstant weiter entwickelt. Das erste Heft des Jahres 2007, das bislang umfangreichste, beinhaltete 16 Arbeiten, das zweite Heft wird voraussichtlich 14 Arbeiten umfassen.

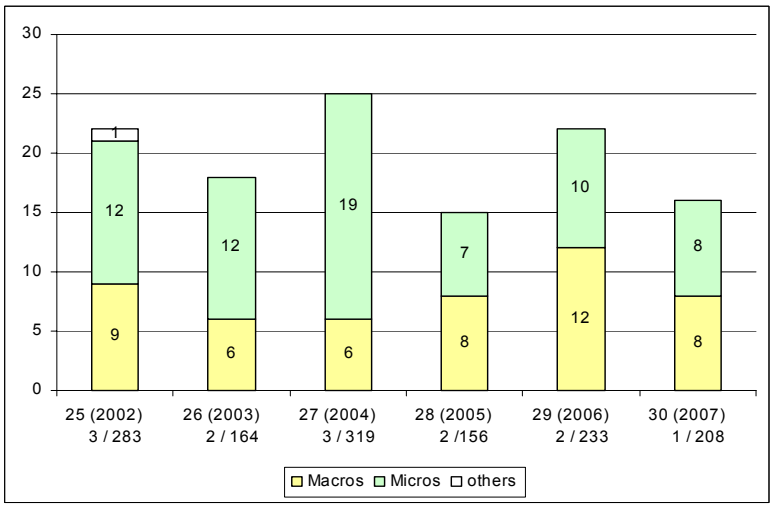

Fig. Anzahl publizierten Arbeiten je Band seit 2002. Anzahl der Hefte und Seiten pro Band sind angegeben. Heftnummer 2 für 2007 ist noch nicht berücksichtigt. Die Microlepidoptera schließen Zygaenoidea, Psychidae, Sesioidea und Cossoidea ein.

Der Preis für ein Heft (einschließlich Layout, Druck und Versand) stieg von 6.140,56 € (29 (1/2) 2006) auf 10.162,67 € (20 (1) 2007). Dieser Anstieg lässt sich durch die gestiegene Anzahl von Druckseiten und Farbabbildungen sowie deren besserer Druckqualität erklären. Letzteres ist durch einen Wechsel der Druckerei erreicht worden.

Im Jahr 2008 werden wir den ISI Impact Factor für die Zeitschrift beantragen und hoffen, sie damit für Autoren und Abonnenten attraktiver zu machen.

Manuskripte für 2008 sind mehr als willkommen!

Bernard Landry & Matthias Nuss

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XVI Europäischer Kongress für Lepidopterologie, 25.–31. Mai 2009, Cluj, Rumänien

1. Rundschreiben

Liebe Kollegen, Damen und Herren! Wir möchten Sie herzlich zur Teilnahme am XVI. Europäischen Kongress für Lepidopterologie einladen, der vom 25.–31. Mai 2009 in Cluj (Rumänien) stattfinden soll.

Anreise

Auto: Wien – Budapest – Oradea – Cluj

Zug: Wien – Budapest – Oradea – Cluj

Flugzeug: direkte Flüge von Barcelona, Budapest, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt/Main, Madrid, Mailand, München, Rom, Stuttgart, Triest, Wien, usw.

Neu: Anfang 2008 wird ein direkter Flug London-Cluj eingeführt. Auch andere direkte Fluglinien werden 2008 eingeführt. (Weitere Information: *www.airportcluj.ro*).

Cluj

Cluj, ist mit über 75.000 Studenten eine echte Universitätsstadt. Sie liegt im Somestall, etwa 350 m NN. Die Stadt kennzeichnet sich durch ihre Geschichte (römische, ungarische, deutsche, rumänische), Kultur und durch eine wunderschöne Umgebung die seit Jahrhunderten zahlreiche Entomologen und Botaniker angelockt hat. Das Kulinarische und die wunderbaren Kokelthaler Weine machen aus manchen Gebieten touristische Atraktionen.

(Weitere Information: *www.romaniatourism.com/cluj.html*).

Hotelspreise 40–65 Euro/Nacht/Person.

Pensionen (für die Exkursionstage in Rimetea): 17–20 Euro/Person/Nacht mit Frühstück und Abendessen (Halbpension).

Die Vorträge sowie die Poster werden in einem Kongressband in der Zeitschrift *Entomologica romanica* herausgegeben.

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Nos impressions du congrès de la SEL

Svetlana:

Le XVe Congrès de la SEL nous a tous donné la chance de rencontrer des gens intéressants et de connaître les projets de recherche de nos collègues. Ce fut une occasion très importante pour moi en tant que jeune chercheuse travaillant sur les Tortricidae, une famille de microlépidoptères très diversifiée et largement répartie. Le fait de pouvoir développer mes contacts avec les chercheurs du monde entier m'a été très utile.

J'ai également eu la chance de pouvoir discuter de ma recherche avec des spécialistes plus expérimentés. Ces consultations et avis forment une part importante du programme de recherche d'un étudiant. Dans mon cas, ces nouveaux contacts furent très productifs. J'espère qu'après le congrès nous continuerons nos interactions.

J'ai été très enthousiasmée par la grande couverture de champs de recherche traités. Les méthodes moléculaires appliquées aux études de phylogénétique, la biodiversité et la systématique étaient traitées dans plusieurs symposiums. Cette variété nous a montré la grande diversité qui existe au sein de la communauté des lépidoptéristes, et elle a enrichi les symposiums. Il était difficile pour moi de choisir les symposiums auxquels assister étant donné le grand nombre de présentations intéressantes disponibles chaque jour simultanément. Je voulais toutes les voir. J'ai également été impressionnée par l'organisation technique du Congrès. Il est clair qu'un tel événement demande beaucoup de dévouement. Le résultat de tout ce travail fut un Congrès planifié d'excellente manière et qui s'est déroulé sans incidents. Nous avons vraiment apprécié la croisière sur la rivière Spree et la visite du Muséum d'histoire naturelle de Berlin. J'aimerais remercier les organisateurs du Congrès, et j'ai beaucoup apprécié les discussions que j'ai eues avec les participants ainsi que leurs présentations.

Amanda:

Septembre fut un mois de premières pour moi. C'était la première fois que j'assistais à un Congrès de la SEL et que j'allais en Europe. J'appréhendais mon arrivée en solitaire et mon ignorance de la langue allemande, mais ces craintes étaient complètement injustifiées. Il était très simple de naviguer en ville et jusqu'au site du Congrès. J'envie beaucoup le système de transport public de Berlin...

À mon arrivée, j'ai tout de suite commencé à rencontrer plusieurs nouveaux collègues et à revoir de vieux amis. La diversité des personnes présentes est une des premières choses qui m'a vraiment frappée. Comme dans la Société des lépidoptéristes nord-américaines, il y avait un mélange de professionnels et d'amateurs. C'est exceptionnellement rare dans les sociétés scientifiques et je crois que ce mélange est très important et stimule la lépidoptérologie. J'ai aussi été impressionnée par le nombre de pays représentés au Congrès. C'était vraiment un Congrès international. C'était très stimulant et excitant pour moi d'entendre autour d'une table des Danois d'un côté et des Russes de l'autre.

Étant donné mon rôle au sein du projet « Lepidoptera Tree of Life », ma participation au Congrès m'a donné la possibilité de rencontrer des collègues ayant des projets complémentaires en Europe. J'ai eu quelques conversations stimulantes avec des membres des projets EDIT et CATE, de même qu'avec des chercheurs finlandais associés à un projet d'étude de la phylogénie des Ditrysiens. La possibilité de rencontrer ces collègues a été inestimable. C'est fou ce qu'on peut accomplir et discuter entre quelques pintes de bières.

Au bout du compte, le XVe Congrès de la SEL a été plus stimulant et productif pour moi qu'aucun autre auquel j'ai assisté. Je suis reconnaissante d'avoir pu participer au symposium sur les Pyraloidea, et je souhaite remercier sincèrement tous ceux qui ont rendu ce Congrès possible. Je reste impressionnée par le grand nombre de personnes différentes que j'ai pu

rencontrer et les contacts que j'ai faits. Mes interactions avec ces collègues continueront dans les années à venir et j'ai hâte de les rencontrer lors de prochains Congrès de la SEL. Ce fut le premier d'une longue série.

Amanda Roe et Svetlana Nedoshivina

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Scenes from the Geometridae Workshop with a more or less attentive class and Axel Hausmann presenting his talk (Photos: Axel Steiner).

Bernard Landry, Francesca Vegliante, Alberto Zilli and Elisenda Olivella (Photo: Rob de Vos).

The North American delegation gathering for the Berliner nightlife (Photo: Rob de Vos).

Procès-verbal de l'Assemblée générale tenue au Bildungszentrum, Erkner (Berlin), le 11 septembre 2007 à 16h30

1. Le président, Niels Peder Kristensen, a salué les 86 membres assistant à l'Assemblée et leur a demandé de se lever en mémoire de ceux qui sont décédés depuis la dernière Assemblée générale.

2. Le Secrétaire général lut le rapport du Conseil pour les deux années écoulées, il a été accepté *nem. con*. (voir p. 26).

3. Le rapport du trésorier fut présenté et accepté unanimement par l'assemblée (voir p. 27).

4. Le rapport des auditeurs a été lu et accepté par acclamation.

5. Le rapport de l'Editeur fut lu par Matthias Nuss (voir p. 28).

6. Harald Schreiber fut accepté par l'Assemblée générale comme commissaire électoral.

7. Harald Schreiber a présenté la décharge du Conseil, des Auditeurs et du Président du Comité. Ce qui fut accepté unanimement. Le Président démissionnaire a rendu hommage aux Membres du Conseil dont l'investissement a été particulièrement important, à savoir les Editeurs et le Secrétaire aux membres.

8. Elections (voir protocole détaillé p. 25)
Les personnes suivantes ont été proposées par le Conseil et acceptées unanimement :
Président : Gerhard Tarmann
Vice-Président : Joaquin Baixeras
Secrétaire aux membres : Willy de Prins
Editeurs : Matthias Nuss & Bernard Landry
Secrétaire général : David Agassiz
Membres ordinaires : David Demerges (F), Jörg Gelbrecht (D) et Andras Kun (H). Nils Ryrholm et Konstantin Efetov avaient été élus pour 4 ans en 2005 et continuent leur service.

9. Election d'auditeurs : Axel Steiner fut réélu et Rolf Mörtter fut réélu à la place de Günter Ebert.

10. Le président nouvellement élu, Gerhard Tarmann, a félicité les membres démissionnaires : Niels Peder Kristensen et Laszlo Ronkay. Il a annoncé la nomination par le Conseil de quatre membres honoraires : Günter Ebert, Peter Hättenschwiler, Yuri Nekrutenko et Niels Peder Kristensen et a donné un résumé des contributions que chacun d'eux a donné à la Société Européenne de Lépidoptérologie.

11. Laszlo Rákosy invitât les membres au XVI Congrès de la SEL qui sera tenu à Cluj, Roumanie du 25 au 31 mai 2009. Il donna des détails sur le site, les possibilités de transport et des bons endroits de collecte aux environs de Rimetea. Les deux derniers jours du Congrès seront dédiés à des chasses et observations sur le terrain (voir p. 29).

12. Congrès futurs : le conseil demande des offres pour le congrès de 2011, un choix devra être fait avant octobre 2008. L'idée d'un congrès commun avec la Société des Lépidoptéristes d'Amérique du Nord est écartée.

Richard Brown invita les membres au futur congrès de la Société des Lépidoptéristes d'Amérique du Nord qui sera organisée au Mississippi en juin 2008 et donna une présentation sur le Congrès et la localité.

13. Aucune proposition des membres n'avait été reçue.

14. Il n'y eût pas de varia.

David Agassiz, Secrétaire général, le 11 septembre 2007

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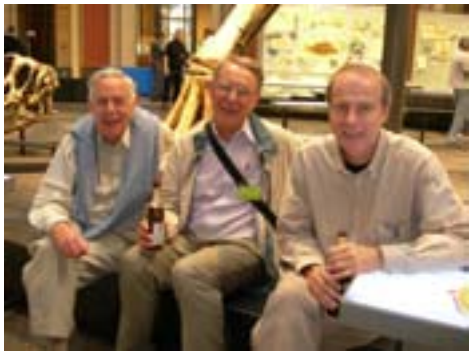
Alberto Zilli and Michael Fibiger discussing Noctuid matters and Ingvar Svensson with Antti Aalto exchanging some information on Nordic species (Photos: Axel Steiner).

Bong-Woo Lee and Bong-Kyu Byun (Photo: Rob de Vos).



John Langmaid, David Agassiz and Leif Aarvik (Photo: Rob de Vos).

Protocole de la Réunion des Elections (points 6–9 de l'agenda) au sein de l'Assemblée générale de la SEL du 11 septembre 2007 à Erkner près de Berlin (16.30 – 18.00)

Membres présents : 86

Point 7 : Décharge du Conseil et des Commissaires. Harald Schreiber fait noter que l'Assemblée générale a été annoncée à temps avec sa date et la localisation, dans le *News* 42. On a demandé aux mambres devant être absents de voter par courriel, mais il n'y a pas eu de votes. La décharge du Conseil et des Commissaires a été acceptée suite aux rapports communiqués. Personne n'était contre le vote à main levée.

Point 8 : **Gerhard Tarmann** a été proposé par le Conseil précédent et élu comme Président. Il a fait part de sa disponibilité, aucun autre candidat ne fut proposé et il fut élu à l'unanimité. Il n'y eût pas d'abstentions, sauf la sienne.

Joaquin Baixeras a été proposé comme vice-président par le Conseil sortant et élu à l'unanimité. Aucun autre candidat n'a été proposé par l'Assemblée. Aucune voix contre ni d'abstentions excepté la sienne.

Le Conseil sortant a proposé de reconduire **David Agassiz** dans sa fonction de Secrétaire général et **Willy De Prins** comme Secrétaire des membres et puisque aucun autre candidat n'a été proposé, ils ont été élus à l'unanimité. Il n'y a pas eu de votes contre ni d'abstentions, sauf les leurs.

Robert Trusch a été proposé comme trésorier et réélu par le Conseil sortant. Aucun autre candidat n'a été proposé et il a été réélu unanimement, sans abstentions, sauf la sienne.

Matthias Nuss a été proposé comme éditeur par le Conseil sortant. Il a été élu à l'unanimité. Il n'y avait pas d'abstentions.

Bernard Landry avait été adopté comme co-éditeur par le Conseil sortant. On a demandé à l'Assemblée d'avaliser cette décision et elle le fit. Il n'y a eu aucun vote contre ni abstention.

Nils Ryrholm a été proposé comme membre ordinaire du Conseil et candidat pour une réélection pour deux années supplémentaires. Il a été élu unanimement. Il n'y a pas eu d'abstentions, sauf la sienne.

Andreas Kun, **David Demerges** et **Jörg Gelbrecht** ont été proposés comme candidats ordinaires pour le Conseil et puisque aucun autre candidat n'a été proposé, ils ont été élus par l'Assemblée. Pas de votes contre ni d'abstentions.

Top 9 : **Axel Steiner** a été proposé et s'est déclaré prêt à être réélu comme commissaire ; il a été élu à l'unanimité sans aucune abstention.

Rolf Mörtter a été proposé comme deuxième commissaire par le Conseil sortant en remplacement de Günter Ebert. Il n'y a pas eu d'autres propositions de candidatures. Il a été élu à l'unanimité sans aucune abstention, sauf la sienne.

Harald Schreiber (Président de l'Assemblée pour les Elections)
David Lees (pour le protocole)
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Rapport du Conseil de la SEL pour la période du 15 septembre 2005 au 10 septembre 2007

Le XIVe Congrès de Lépidoptérologie a eut lieu à Rome en septembre 2005. Alberto Zilli et ses collègues ont été remerciés pour un congrès très agréable et informatif.

Une Assemblée générale s'est tenue à Rome tel que mentionné dans le *News* 40. Niels Peder Kristensen fut réélu président, Gerhard Tarmann élu vice-président et d'autres membres ont été réélus sauf que David Agassiz a été élu Secrétaire général à la place de Christoph Häuser, qui a démissionné par cause de surcharge de travail.

Réunions du Conseil

Les membres du Conseil se sont réunis brièvement après l'Assemblée générale à Rome, ensuite à Copenhague les 28 et 29 octobre 2006 et à Erkner les 8 et 10 septembre 2007. Matthias Nuss exprimait son vœu de démissionner comme Editeur, mais fut persuadé de continuer avec Bernard Landry comme co-éditeur. Il y eût beaucoup de communications par courriel entre les membres du Conseil entre les réunions.

Vus le prix et la difficulté de trouver des représentants effectifs, il fut décidé d'abandonner notre adhésion à l'IUCN.

La Crimée avait été suggérée comme endroit pour le XVIe Congrès, mais il s'est avéré que cela ne serait pas possible. Le Conseil s'est réjouit d'apprendre que L. Rakosy était prêt à accueillir le Congrès en Roumanie.

Le Conseil s'est penché sur la possibilité d'écrire une histoire de la Société maintenant qu'elle a atteint l'âge de 30 ans un auteur a provisoirement été trouvé.

Cotisations

Nous avons été attristé par le décès de Laszlo Gozmány, membre honoraire, et de quatre membres ordinaires : B. A. Izenbek, M. Ogata, P. Schwarzbauer et J. Wettenhovi.

Les membres n'ayant pas réglé leur cotisation ont reçu un rappel, beaucoup ont payé les arriérés, mais 25 ont dû être radiés. Le nombre de membres s'élève actuellement à 581. Un nouveau feuillet préparé par Alberto Zilli sera bientôt imprimé et on demande aux membres d'aider au recrutement de nouveaux membres pour la SEL.

Le site web de la SEL, www.soceurlep.org, a été amélioré et suivi par Stanislav Abadjiev.

Publications

News 40, 41 et 42 ont été publiés. *Nota lepidopterologica*, avec deux fascicules par an, a été publié à temps avec un nombre plus important de pages où figurent beaucoup d'illustrations en couleur.

Site d'étude de la SEL

Bien qu'il n'y ait pas eu de réunions organisées sur le site d'étude, il a été visité par de nombreux membres. Ceci a été fortement apprécié par l'hôtellerie locale.

David Agassiz, Secrétaire général, le 11 septembre 2007

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Rapport du trésorier concernant la période du 1er janvier 2005 au 31 décembre 2007

Les calculs finals pour les années 2005 et 2006 et les comptes ont été vérifiés par Günter Ebert, de Karlsruhe, et Axel Steiner, de Wöschbach, sans commentaires. Le bureau de taxation responsable (dans la ville de Karlsruhe) a confirmé le 18 avril 2007 que la SEL est exempte de la taxe des sociétés pour 2004, 2005 et 2006. En Allemagne, les membres peuvent continuer à déduire leur cotisation de leur montant imposable. En bref, les montants sont comme suit :

€ – EURO		**2005**		**2006**
Recettes		18.714,54		22.366,04
Dépenses		19.809,60		12.540,18
Balance		**- 1.095,06**		**9.825,86**
Comptes	31.12.05:	20.191,25	31.12.06:	30.017,11
Comptes	01.01.05:	21.286,31	01.01.06:	20.191,25
Balance		**- 1.095,06**		**9.825,86**

Je voudrais tout spécialement remercier nos trésoriers pour leur travail ! Je connais les difficultés de rappeler aux membres continuellement de payer leur cotisation. Mais il semble que c'est particulièrement nécessaire, parce que l'existence de la SEL dépend d'une comptabilité bien tenue pour les cotisations. – Je vous demande des applaudissements !

Enfin, je voudrais remercier nos commissaires aux comptes, Günter Ebert et Axel Steiner, pour leur vérification précise et laborieuse des comptes.

Robert Trusch, Trésorier, le 11 septembre 2007
(voir tableau et graphique p. 8)
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The organiser of the 2009 Congress in Cluj, Laszlo Rákosy, and outgoing president of the SEL, Niels Peder Kristensen (Photo: Axel Steiner).

Rapport des éditeurs de *Nota lepidopterologica* pour les volumes 29 (2006) – 30 (2007)

Dans la période en question, Bernard Landry a accepté d'être co-éditeur de *Nota lepidopterologica*. Thomas Fartmann et Niklas Wahlberg ont rejoint le comité éditorial. *Nota lepidopterologica* est devenu une publication semestrielle à paraître les 15 mai et 15 novembre. Suite à ce changement, il est prévu d'augmenter le nombre de pages par fascicule et le nombre de publications par année si le nombre de manuscrits soumis augmente en conséquence. Le premier fascicule de 2007, le plus volumineux jusqu'à présent, contenait 16 publications, le deuxième en comptera probablement 14.

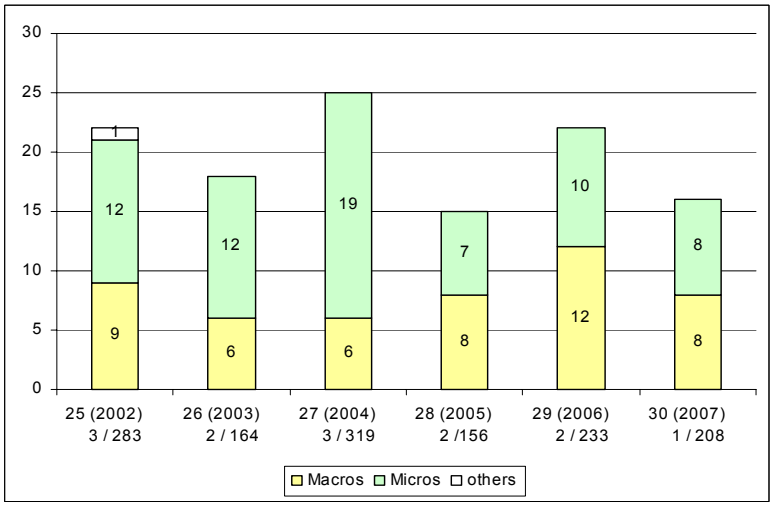

Fig. Nombre d'articles publiés par volume depuis 2002. Le nombre des fascicules et des pages sont également indiqués (nº 2 de 2007 non inclus). Les Microlépidoptères incluent les Zygaenoidea, Psychidae, Sesioidea et Cossoidea.

Le prix d'un fascicule (y compris la mise en pages, l'impression et les frais de port) ont augmenté de 6,140.56 € (29 (1/2) 2006) à 10,162.67 € (20 (1) 2007). Cette augmentation peut être expliquée par un nombre croissant d'images couleur et leur meilleure qualité d'impression qui a été obtenu en contactant des nouveaux imprimeurs.

En 2008, nous allons soumettre une demande à le ISI afin d'obtenir un facteur d'impact, en espérant rendre notre publication plus attractive pour les auteurs et pour les abonnés.

Vos manuscrits pour 2008 sont plus que bienvenus !

Bernard Landry et Matthias Nuss

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XVIe Congrès européen de Lépidoptérologie, 25–31 mai 2009, Cluj, Roumanie

1re annonce

Chers collègues, Mesdames, Messieurs! Nous aimerions vous inviter au XVIe Congrès européen de Lépidoptérologie, ayant lieu à Cluj (Transylvanie), Roumanie du 25 au 31 mai 2009. L'hôte du Symposium est le Département de Taxonomie et Ecologie de l'université de Babes Bolyai, Cluj, Transylvanie, Roumanie.

Voyage

En voiture : Vienne – Budapest – Oradea – Cluj

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A partir de début 2008, un vol direct de Londres sera programmé, ainsi que d'autres vols directs internationaux.

Cluj

Cluj est une vraie cité universitaire avec plus de 75.000 étudiants. Elle est située dans la vallée de la Somes à une altitude de 350 m. La ville est caractérisée par son histoire (romane, hongroise, allemande et roumaine), sa culture et par son splendide environnement qui a attiré maints entomologistes et botanistes pendant des années. Le savoir faire culinaire et les merveilleux vins Kokenthaler attirent des touristes d'innombrables régions.

(Informations : *www.romaniatourism.com/cluj.html*).

Pendant le congrès, nous résiderons dans deux hôtels du centre ville (les prix variant de 40 à 65 euros/ personne/ nuit). Une excursion après le congrès (2 journées ou plus) sera organisée dans le village voisin de Rimetea. Les prix sur base de demi-pension varient de 17 à 20 euros/ personne/ nuit. Des chasses aux alentours de Rimetea seront autorisées.

Les proceedings du congrès seront publiés dans un fascicule spécial de la revue *Entomologica romanica*.

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Natural Parks Mercantour and Alpi Marittime

The first EDIT ATBI+M pilot site, joining the French and Italian Natural Parks Mercantour and Alpi Marittime, is now officially approved, and field work is starting right away. With this message we would like to raise your interest to help inventorying the fauna and flora of this fascinating area, and to encourage all interested colleagues and associates at your partner institutions to become actively involved. First field trips can still be accommodated this summer/season, and we call upon any interested partner to contact us.

The Memorandum of Understanding has been signed.

A Memorandum of Understanding between EDIT and the French and Italian Natural Parks Mercantour and Alpi Marittime has now been formally signed. In addition to the directors of the two parks, Thierry Boisseaux (Parc National du Mercantour), and Dr Patrizia Rossi (Parco Natural Alpi Marittime), the EDIT representatives, Prof. Dr. Simon Tillier (EDIT Coordinator), and Dr. Christoph Häuser (Work Package 7 leader) added their signatures in Paris on 10th July 2007 to the document. With this MOU in place, the road is now officially open for ATBI+M activities in both parks, with field work to start immediately. The MOU spells out the mutual interests for inventory work in the parks by all partners, and includes general provisions on data-sharing and the collection of biological specimens for EDIT's ATBI+M participants. A Terms of Reference for individual participation specifies conditions for field work, and forms the basis for the issue of individual work and collection permits as needed.

How to participate?

Relevant information about the two parks, access and logistics for the pre-selected study sites, as well as general background and documents for participation can all be found on the EDIT WP7 website (http://wp7.e-taxonomy.eu/index.php).

Anybody interested to participate should examine the Terms of Reference, and is invited to first register at the ATBI forum: http://www.atbi.eu/forum/user/register, to remain informed about ongoing and further developments. For any participation in field work, please, do contact us directly indicating your specific interests and availability. Any additional relevant information about previous studies, publications and other possible data sources for the area will also be highly welcome.

Looking forward to hearing from you - with best wishes, for the EDIT WP7 team,

Christoph Häuser
Marijn Bos & Klaus Riede
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Call for cooperation between lepidopterists! A new communication tool for expert networks developed by the European Distributed Institute of Taxonomy (EDIT), WP6

EDIT is a Network of Excellence supported by the European Commission and set up to integrate effort in taxonomy in Europe. One of the 'workpackages' (WP6, http://www.editwebrevisions.info), coordinated by NHM London, is entitled 'Unifying revisionary taxonomy' and aims to integrate effort in revisionary systematics (professional and amateur). For practical purposes we have targeted initially four exemplar taxa with the intention of attempting to encourage a more organised approach to planning revisionary taxonomy and transfering it to the internet.

Within the insect exemplar group (http://www.edit-insects.info) there are currently two Lepidoptera networks: Nepticulidae (Coordinator: Erik van Nieukerken) and Sphingidae (http://www.cate-project.org).

We would like to encourage the setting up of further networks and to facilitate this process the EDIT project has developed a new communication tool for expert networks, the so-called 'scratchpads'.

Scratchpads provide you and your community of researchers with a space to work on the web. They are easy to use, adaptable to reflect your needs, and provide you with powerful tools for managing your data. AND they are free for everybody.

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- Scratchpads are independent and unconnected, allowing communities to create distinct customized sites tailored to their needs. They are built on the content management system Drupal (http://drupal.org), and managed on servers at the Natural History Museum, London. Content is archived such that it can be cited like a traditional publication.

For more information please visit http://www.editwebrevisions.info/scratchpads. You can also try out the demo version at http://sandbox.editwebrevisions.info/ to see how easy it is to do a simple page, for example.

If you would like to set up an expert network for your taxon and/or use a scratchpad please visit our website or email me at i.brake@nhm.ac.uk.

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New website – same address: www.soceurlep.org

Don't forget to regularly visit the website of our society. It has completely been renewed.

Bitte nicht vergessen die Website unserer Verein regelmässig zu besuchen. Es ist völlig neu bearbeitet worden.

N'oubliez pas de visiter régulièrement le site web de notre société. Ce site a été complètement renouvellé.

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