

General Secretary's Report  
 SIL 30 Congress  
 Montreal, Canada  
 12 August-18 August, 2007

The SIL 30 Congress occurred between Sunday, August 12 and Saturday, August 18, 2007. The congress was held at the Palais des Congrès Convention Center. A total of 1,396 persons registered for the congress, and there were 1,107 presentations in oral or poster form. Approximately 400 manuscripts were submitted for publication. The principal organizer of the congress was Dr. Yves Prairie, who was assisted by a local organizing committee (Table 1). The scientific program was organized by a committee led by Dr. Michael Pace (Table 1), and the logistics were arranged by the company JPdL, Montreal, with leadership by Geneviève Leclerc.

Organizing Committee	Scientific Committee	National Committee
Yves Prairie	Michael L. Pace	Jules Blais
Beatrix Beisner	Carlos M. Duarte	Hélène Cyr
Irene Gregory-Eaves	Carol Folt	Peter Dillon
François Guillemette	Maciej Gliwicz	Peter Leavitt
Jacob Kalff	Robert E. Hecky	Asit Mazumder
Bernadette Pinel-Alloul	Dag Hessen	Edward McCauley
Alexandre Poulain	Erik Jeppesen	Frances Pick
Claudette Blanchard	Fabio Roland	Dolors Planas
Marie-Andrée Fallu	Doris Soto	Richard Robarts
Geneviève Leclerc	Lars Tranvik	John Smol
	Jorato Urabe	Warwick Vincent
	Ellen van Donk	Norman Yan

Table 1. SIL Congress Committees.

## Executive Committee Meeting

On Sunday, August 12, the Executive Committee of SIL held a meeting for current and incoming members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee discussed plans for bringing proposals to the International Committee and the General Assembly of SIL. For the SIL 30 Congress, ten important proposals were scheduled for presentation. These proposals, if adopted, would cause major changes in SIL that the Executive Committee considered essential for moving SIL into a modernization phase.

## First Meeting of the International Committee

In the afternoon of August 12, the International Committee, which consists of National Representatives and Executive Committee members, met in the Palais des Congrès. President Likens welcomed the members and described his desire to achieve approval of important proposals that had been developed over the last three years, first through formation and action of the Futures Committee chaired by Brian Moss, and then through refinement of proposals by the Executive Committee. He then asked the Acting General Secretary-Treasurer, William Lewis, to present information on the status of SIL and on proposals from the Executive Committee.

Acting General Secretary-Treasurer Lewis first described the circumstances surrounding his replacement of General Secretary-Treasurer Wetzel. Dr. Wetzel had become ill a few months after the Lahti Congress. Dr. Wetzel and President Likens then agreed that it would be good to ask Lewis to be prepared to stand in for Dr. Wetzel. Lewis agreed and the plan was approved by the Executive Committee. Although Dr. Wetzel died on April 18, 2005, Lewis benefited from some consultation with him through a transition period of a few months.

Acting General Secretary-Treasurer Lewis described statistics on membership.

Membership as of the time of the Congress was 2,729 individuals, including approximately 250 student members. A ten-year plot shows a declining trend of approximately 75 members per year over the last decade (Figure 1).

Lewis summarized the consolidated financial information for the triennium by presentation of three-year averages for budget categories (Table 2). The detailed budget for the triennium in consolidated form (3 years) is as shown in Table 3. Principal points are as follows: 1) the main income is from memberships (subscriptions), most of which originate from individual members. 2) SIL has about 150 institutional memberships (mostly libraries); the number of these has been declining in recent years. 3) The total amount of cash flow for the society is approximately \$190,000 per year. 4) Expenses for SIL are mainly accounted for by publication. 5) Of the publication budget, approximately \$15,000 per year is accounted for by the SIL news, and the balance by publication of the Proceedings. 6) An additional significant

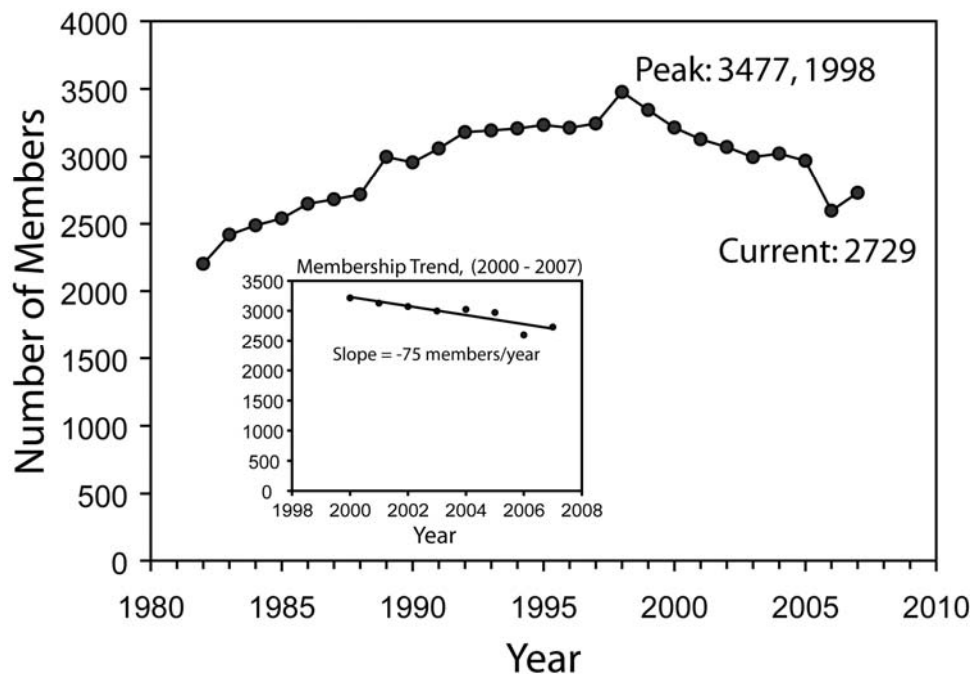


Figure 1. Trends in membership, SIL.

Transactions	\$ US
Income	
Subscriptions	126,198
Endowment	1,262
Page Charges	26,783
Dividend Interest	10,273
Misc.	26,042
Total Income	190,558
Expenses	
Publications	112,822
Postage, Supplies	5,039
Administration	52,110
Grants	8,872
Misc.	11,934
Total Expenses	190,778
Balance	
Income	190,558
Expenses	190,778
Net	-220

Table 2. SIL finances fiscal years 2004-2007, average per year.

expense is the operation of the administrative office of SIL, which includes the full-time salary of an administration assistant. 7) The budget of SIL over the triennium is nearly evenly balanced between expenses and revenues; the society currently has a slight deficit of income over expenditures. 8) Projections over the next triennium would indicate a shortfall of about 10% under current operating conditions due to the influence of inflation, in the absence of any increase in revenues.

Lewis showed election results (Table 4) as well as proposed committee assignments (Table 5). Two ad hoc committees also have been formed for 2007-2010; (1) Publication Advisory Committee (Likens, Chair; Jones; Søndergaard; Lewis), and (2) Congress Liaison Committee (Prairie, Pace, Poulain). New national representatives are as shown in Table 6. Lewis also described the work of the ad hoc Ethics Committee and the ad hoc Futures Committee, both of which were organized at the request of President Likens; both completed

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>					<b>\$410,935.53</b>
<b>INCOME</b>					
<u>Subscriptions</u>	Current Payments	Back Payments	Advance Payments		
Checking (NC Operating)	\$37,555.50	\$8,904.00	\$1,813.00		
Zurich	231,476.35	1,641.86	0.00		
German Account University (credit card)	57,859.34	0.00	69.96		
	<u>27,497.50</u>	<u>10,705.50</u>	<u>1,070.00</u>		
	<u>354,388.69</u>	<u>21,251.36</u>	<u>2,952.96</u>	<u>\$378,593.01</u>	
<u>Sale of Publications</u>	401.00				<u>401.00</u>
<u>Endowment Fund Contributions</u>					
Checking	3,200.00				
University (credit card)	585.00				<u>3,785.00</u>
<u>Kilham Memorial Fund</u>	2,000.00				<u>2,000.00</u>
<u>Wetzel Memorial Fund</u>	38,245.49				<u>38,245.49</u>
<u>Income From Page Charges</u>	80,349.88				<u>80,349.88</u>
<u>Interest and Dividends</u>					
Baldi Memorial	97.86				
Kilham Memorial	50.42				
Wetzel Memorial	1,907.43				
Tonolli Memorial	28,667.58				
Zurich Primary	96.05				
SILNEWS	0.25				<u>30,819.59</u>
<u>Tonolli Fund Market Gain / (Loss)</u>	162.11				<u>162.11</u>
<u>Grants</u>	0.00				<u>0.00</u>
<u>Contributions (SILNEWS)</u>	0.00				<u>0.00</u>
<u>Miscellaneous Income</u>					
Loan Repayment	26,248.05				
	96.68				
	<u>11,069.05</u>				<u>37,317.10</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>					<b><u>\$571,673.18</u></b>

<b>BANK BALANCES:</b>	
Baldi	8,448.82
Centura Kilham	8,327.30
Centura SIL	16,365.25
German	1,362.85
Zurich Primary	75,380.43
Publisher	2,707.42
SILNEWS	0.00
UNC Account	11,367.15
Wetzel Memorial Fund	43,390.52
Tonolli Memorial Fund	244,606.30
	<u>\$411,956.04</u>

<b>EXPENSES</b>	
<u>Publications</u>	
Schweizerbart, Proc 29	287,374.94
Proc 29 + 30 (Proofreader)	13,380.70
SIL Newsletter	36,711.57
Occasional Publications	0.00
Limnology In Developing Countries	0.00
University of Missouri	1,000.00
	<u>338,467.21</u>
<u>Postage</u>	
German	1,071.58
SIL Newsletter	3,746.37
UNC Account	10,298.24
	<u>15,116.19</u>
<u>Bank Charges/Taxation</u>	
German	344.18
Central SIL	17.99
UNC	873.14
Zurich Primary	460.72
SILNews	20.40
	<u>1,716.43</u>
<u>Honoraria</u>	
General Secretary-Treasurer	6,218.44
Editor	3,114.25
	<u>9,332.69</u>
<u>Office &amp; Administrative</u>	
Printing, Supplies, Equipment	9,985.91
Secretarial Services	142,478.93
Telephone/Fax	1,702.51
Software Development	2,162.50
	<u>156,329.85</u>
<u>Grants by SIL</u>	
Fellowships	21,238.63
IAD	5,378.53
Limn. Development Centers	0.00
	<u>26,617.16</u>
<u>Congress Expenses</u>	
Exec Com Conf Call	1,004.87
Honorarium (Baldi & Kilham)	1,000.00
Loan for 30th Congress	10,302.54
N-T Medals	85.34
Travel	3,034.76
	<u>15,427.51</u>
<u>Miscellaneous Expenses</u>	
IUCN Dues	668.50
SIL Archives	3,888.65
SILNews	0.05
UNC Expenses	526.00
Website Domain Renewal	99.95
	<u>5,183.15</u>
Currency & Rounding (Gain) / Loss on Transfers	4,143.20
	<u>4,143.20</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$572,333.39</u></b>
<b>NET INCOME / (LOSS)</b>	<b><u>(\$660.21)</u></b>
<b>Bank Balances 30 June 2007</b>	<b><u>\$411,956.04</u></b>

Table 3. Consolidated 3-year financial report (1 July 2004-30 June 2007).

Position	
President	Brian Moss
General Secretary-Treasurer	Morten Søndergaard
Executive Vice-President	Judit Padišák Brij Gopal Ellen van Donk
Editor-in-Chief	Jack Jones

Table 4. Election Results.

their work during the course of the triennium.

Lewis presented a list of ten motions brought to the International Committee by the Executive Committee (Table 7). The list had been circulated by email to all members prior to the meeting. Lewis then solicited comments on the motions. A few of the National Representatives commented negatively on loss of the Latin name in favor of a short English name (International Society for Limnology). A representative of the International Association for Danube Research (IAD), Ivana Tedorovic, presented arguments against the proposed cessation of payments to IAD as a means of keeping the SIL budget in balance. Several questions were raised about publication strategies, and potential disadvantages of centralizing the collection dues were put forward. Overall, however, the National Representatives seemed to be favorably inclined to the motions.

Members of the International Committee were asked to analyze and consult with each other about motions that had been discussed, in preparation for voting on these motions at the second meeting of the International Committee on Thursday, 16 August.

Lewis noted that SIL has three proposals on hand for future congresses. SIL 31, for 2010, is scheduled for Cape Town, South Africa. The leader within SIL for this congress will be Dr. Johan Grobbelaar. Dr. Grobbelaar was not present to make a presentation, but a presentation was scheduled for the second meeting of the International Committee.

Baldi	Kilham	Naumann- Thienemann	Tonolli	Nominating	Developing Countries	Conservation
Moss (Chair)	Moss (Chair)	Moss (Chair)	Moss (Chair)	Ahlgren (Chair)	Alcocer (Chair, n)	Prairie (Chair, n)
Schindler (n)	Kilham	Likens	de Bernardi	van Donk (n)	Tundisi (n)	Meyer (n)
Jeppesson (n)	Hessen	Iwakuma	Symoens	Zohary	Jacobsen (n)	Rybak (n)
Decamps (n)	Melack (n)	Reynolds (n)	Søndergaard (n)	Burns (n)	Chang	Junk (n)
Nahano (n)	Dobson (n)	Northcote	Ravera (n)	Georgio (n)	Wang (n)	Soto (n)
		Lewis	Makarewicz (n)		Ramberg (n)	Ostroumov (n)
					Mengistou (n)	Duigan (n)
					Drago (n)	Dudgeon (n)
					Dumont (n)	Brock (n)
					Alimov (n)	
					Piedade (n)	
					Hart (n)	
					Ramirez (n)	
					Campbell (n)	
					Gopal	
					Lind (n)	

Table 5. SIL standing committees (n) = new member.

Country	Representative	Country	Representative
Australia (1)	<b>Dr. Richard Marchant</b>	Japan (3)	Dr. Takayuki Hanazato
Austria(3)	Dr. Tom Battin	Japan	Dr. Toshio Iwakuma
Austria	<b>Dr. Maria Leichtfried</b>	Japan	<b>Dr. Michio Kumagai</b>
Austria	Dr. Ruben Sommaruga	Korea, South (1)	<b>Dr. Gea-Jae Joo</b>
Belgium (1)	<b>Dr. N. De Pauw</b>	New Zealand (1)	<b>Dr. Carolyn Burns</b>
Canada (6)	Dr. Helene Cyr	Norway (2)	<b>Dr. Gunnhild Riise</b>
Canada	Dr. Martha Guy	Norway	Dr. Dag Hessen
Canada	Dr. Roxane Maranger	Poland (2)	<b>Dr. Jan Igor Rybak</b>
Canada	Dr. Pedro Peres-Neto	Poland	Dr. Ryszard Goldyn
Canada	<b>Dr. Rolf Vinebrooke</b>	Portugal (1)	<b>Dr. Maria-José L. Boavida</b>
Canada	Dr. Norman Yan	Romania (1)	<b>Dr. Klaus Battes</b>
China (1)	<b>Dr. Zhengwen Liu</b>	Spain (2)	<b>Dr. Eugenio Rico</b>
Czech Republic (1)	<i>Undecided</i>	Spain	Dr. Sergi Sabater
Denmark (1)	<b>Dr. Søren Nelson</b>	Sweden (2)	<b>Dr. I. Ahlgren</b>
Finland (2)	<b>Dr. Timo Kairesalo</b>	Sweden	Dr. Wilhelm Granéli
Finland	Dr. Jouko Sarvala	Switzerland (2)	<b>Dr. David Livingstone</b>
France (4)	Dr. C. Amblard	Switzerland	Mr. Marco Simona
France	Ms V. Archaimbault	The Netherlands (2)	Dr. S. H. Hosper
France	Dr. O. Fossati	The Netherlands	<b>Dr. Ellen van Donk</b>
France	<b>Dr. Eric Patee</b>	United Kingdom (3)	<b>Dr. Brian Moss</b>
Germany (6)	Dr. Rita Adrian	United Kingdom	Dr. Linda May
Germany	Dr. Hartmut Arndt	United Kingdom	<i>Undecided</i>
Germany	Dr. H. Brendelberger	U.S.A. (10)	Dr. Alan Covich
Germany	Dr. T. Mehner	U.S.A.	Dr. Charles Goldman
Germany	Dr. Elizabeth Meyer	U.S.A.	Dr. Susan Kilham
Germany	<b>Dr. Karl Rothhaupt</b>	U.S.A.	Dr. George Kling
Hungary (1)	<b>Dr. Nandor Oertel</b>	U.S.A.	Dr. Gene Likens
Ireland (1)	<b>Dr. Mary Kelly-Quinn</b>	U.S.A.	Dr. Sally MacIntyre
Israel (1)	<b>Dr. Tamar Zohary</b>	U.S.A.	Dr. John Melack
Italy (2)	<b>Dr. Roberto Bertoni</b>	U.S.A.	Dr. Patrick Mulholland
Italy	Dr. Oscar Ravera	U.S.A.	Dr. Catherine Pringle
		U.S.A.	<b>Dr. Wayne Wurtsbaugh</b>

Table 6. National Representatives, **Bold** = Lead Representative.

Dr. Peter Biro made an illustrated presentation on behalf of his Hungarian colleagues for a congress to be held in Debrecen, Hungary. The proposal was warmly received by the national representatives, but was set aside for vote until the second meeting of the International Committee. Roberto Bertoni made a preliminary presentation on behalf of Italian colleagues favoring a congress in 2016 to occur in Turin, Italy. Reception of his presentation was favorable.

Proposal	Proposal Content
1.*	The name of the society, presently designated “Societas Internationalis Limnologiae” or “International Association of Theoretical and Applied Limnology,” will be changed to “International Society of Limnology, <i>Societas Internationalis Limnologiae.</i> ” For historical continuity, the acronym “SIL” will be retained.
2.*	SIL will no longer require members to pay dues directly through a National Representative. All members can pay dues directly to the SIL Administrative Assistant. The election of National Representatives will continue, as will the International Committee composed of National Representatives.
3.*	SIL will permit the use of electronic ballots for elections. Ballots will be sent to a teller who is not a member of SIL.
4.*	The SIL Executive Committee will create an official journal for SIL, to be received by all members of SIL in good standing with respect to dues in any given year. Papers from congresses can be submitted to the SIL journal, but will be published or rejected according to editorial judgment. Papers prepared independently of congresses also will be accepted for consideration.
5.*	SIL will cease publication of the Proceedings as of the next Congress. SIL will distribute copies of abstracts for papers that are accepted for presentation at future SIL Congresses. Proceedings of SIL 2007 will be published, but with transition to a journal format.
6.	SIL will increase dues by 10% for upcoming triennium (\$77; \$55 Developing).
7.*	SIL documents will be prepared in English.
8.	SIL will encourage the organization of <del>one</del> non-congress meetings between congresses.
9.	SIL will <del>not make cease</del> annual payments (\$2,150/yr) to <del>the</del> International Association for Danube (IAD) <del>following the Montreal Congress in 2009.</del>
10.	Within the legal constraints of any given endowment, SIL will be free to manage its endowments primarily by conservative investment in mutual funds and limited use of fixed-interest investments. Investment arrangements are made at the direction of the General Secretary-Treasurer and are subject to approval of the Executive Committee.

\* Statutory changes.

Table 7. Motions brought to the SIL congress by the Executive committee. Italics show the amended form of the motion that was approved at the congress.

## Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony for the SIL 30 Congress was held on Sunday evening, August 12. President Likens opened the ceremony with welcoming remarks and an expression of confidence that the program would be interesting and scientifically significant. He thanked the organizers. A welcome was also given by Yves Prairie and by government officials.

## First General Assembly

The First General Assembly opened on Monday, August 13 with a welcome to attendees from President Likens, who expressed confidence that the business and science of SIL conducted during the congress would be very beneficial and important to SIL.

The President gave the necrology for the society (Table 8). He made special remarks about H. Löffler, R. Vollenweider, R. Wetzel, and J. Vallentyne, all previous officers or honorees of SIL.

The President gave the podium to William Lewis, Acting General Secretary-Treasurer, for a business report. Lewis summarized the events surrounding replacement of General Secretary-Treasurer Wetzel through an agreement that Lewis would serve in an acting (temporary) capacity as necessary to substitute for Dr. Wetzel. This plan was authorized by the Executive Committee. Lewis recognized Carol Wetzel, widow of Dr. Wetzel, as a constant friend of SIL and founding donor of the Wetzel Fund, by which SIL intends to recognize, through perpetual endowment, the contribution of Robert Wetzel to SIL. The endowment will be devoted to the establishment of limnology in developing countries, which was Professor Wetzel's dearest philanthropic cause.

Acting General Secretary-Treasurer Lewis provided information on membership trends

Name	Country	Institution	Years in SIL	Deceased
Ambühl, Heinz	Switzerland	Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology (EAWAG)	50	June 2007
Bailey-Watts, A.	United Kingdom	Centre for Ecology and Hydrology-Edinburgh Lab	42	July 2007
Benson-Evans, K.	United Kingdom	Trefriw	31	Dec. 2005
Bracken, John J.	Ireland	St. Josephs	33	June 2006
Buhse, G.	Germany	University of Kassel, Germany	57	Feb. 2006
Campbell, R.N.	United Kingdom	Scottish River Purification Board	42	May 2006
Canter, H.M	United Kingdom	Freshwater Biological Association	60	June 2007
Erpelding, G.	Germany	University of Mainz, Germany	-	Mar. 2007
Fogg, G. E.	United Kingdom	University of Wales, Bangor	53	May 2005
Forsberg, Curt	Sweden	Uppsala University	24	June 2006
Grim, J.	Germany	Sipplington, Germany	56	2004
Grohs, Hans	Austria	Linz, Germany	45	2006
Hamilton, Jim D.	United Kingdom	University of Strathclyde (Paisley College of Technology)	49	Apr. 2006
Kawai, Teizi	Japan	Nara Women's University	37	Mar. 2005
Lengyel-Pönninger, A.	Austria	Wein, Austria	22	Oct. 2004
Löffler, Heinz <sup>1</sup>	Austria	Limnologisches Institut der Ö.A.W.	45	Feb. 2007
Marker, Arthur	United Kingdom	Centre for Ecology and Hydrology Dorset Laboratory	39	July 2007
Mazareanu, Constantin	Romania	Universitatea Bacau	26	Jan. 2007
Nakao, Kinshiro	Japan	Hokkaido University	28	Oct. 2004
Pennington, Winifred (Mrs. Tutin)	United Kingdom	Windermere Freshwater Biological Association Laboratory	60	May 2007
Reynoldson, T.B.	United Kingdom	University of Wales, Bangor	49	2006
Rujinschi, Rodica	Romania	Laboratoral de Ecologie Acvatica si Acvacultura	17	Jan. 2007
Ruggi, Dello	Italy	Istituto Italiano di Idrobiologia	30	2004
Schmitz, W.	Germany	Baden-Wurtemberg Department of the Environment	50	Feb. 2005
Sioli, Harald	Germany	Max-Planck-Institute for Limnology	48	Nov. 2004
Sládeček, Vladimír <sup>2</sup>	Czech Republic	Institute of Chemical Technology	23	July 2005
Slanina, K.	Austria	Federal Institution for Water Quality	52	Nov. 2004
Stenson, Jan	Sweden	Zoologiska Institutionen	35	Sept. 2006
Vallentyne, Jack <sup>3</sup>	Canada	Great Lakes Laboratory for Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, Fisheries, & Oceans	56	June 2007
Vollenweider, R.A. <sup>4</sup>	Canada	National Water Research Institute		Jan. 2007
Watanabe, Mariyo F.	Japan	Rissho University	25	June 2003
Weber, Edmund	Austria	Federal Institution for Water Quality	50	June 2007
Wetzel, Robert G. <sup>5</sup>	U.S.A	U.N.C.-Chapel Hill	37	Apr. 2005
Wickstrom, Conrad E.	U.S.A.	University of Oregon	32	Jan. 2006

<sup>1</sup> SIL President 1980-1986; <sup>2</sup> Naumann-Thienemann Medal 1992, Editor in Chief; <sup>3</sup>SIL President 1971-1977; <sup>4</sup>Naumann-Thienemann medal 1986; <sup>5</sup>SIL General Secretary Treasurer 1968-2005, Naumann-Thienemann Medal 1992, Baldi Memorial Lecturer 1989.

Table 8. SIL Necrology, 2004 – 2007, as determined from SIL records.

and finances in the same manner as he had for the meeting of the International Committee. He then described the ten proposals brought forward from the Executive Committee to the International Committee, and urged the members of the General Assembly to discuss and consider these matters over the week of the congress in preparation for a final decision at the end of the congress.

Lewis asked President Likens to present winners of the Naumann-Thienemann medals: Carolyn Burns, Steven Carpenter, Brian Moss. All recipients made remarks about those who have helped them become worthy of the medal.

Lewis asked for additional business. None was proposed, and the business meeting was closed. President Likens then delivered the Presidential Address. The President cited the work of the Futures Committee and Ethics Committee as well as the standing committees of SIL. He mentioned the award of 19 fellowships for \$17,000 over the triennium to young limnologists in developing countries, as well as the working groups of SIL. The President's address also dealt with the importance of water in the scientific and societal senses, and challenged the members of SIL to engage SIL reforms suggested by the Executive Committee, thereby making SIL 30 a watershed congress for SIL. The President then introduced the Baldi Memorial Lecturer, Dr. Michio Kumagai.

### Scientific Sessions

Oral sessions and poster sessions occupied the remainder of August 13. There were special sessions for students in the evening and a forum on water management over lunch.

Tuesday, August 14 began with the Kilham Memorial Lecture by Dr. Kevin Rogers, followed by the first plenary, offered by Dr. John Downing. The remainder of the day was

similar to that of 13 August.

On Wednesday, 15 August, attendees of the congress attended excursions. On Thursday, 16 August, the congress resumed with plenary sessions in the morning (Lauren Chapman, Luc Meester, Miguel Pascual, Diane McKnight) and oral presentations and posters throughout the rest of the day.

### Second Meeting of the International Committee

At 1745 on 16 August, the National Representatives and Executive Committee convened for the second meeting of the International Committee. President Likens opened the meeting and called the Acting General Secretary-Treasurer, William Lewis, to the podium. Lewis asked the members of the International Committee to consider scheduling for future congresses. He called Dr. Johan Grobbelaar to the podium for a presentation on progress toward a congress to be held in South Africa in 2010.

The South Africa congress had originally been scheduled for Durban, but Cape Town was proposed as a more optimal venue for the congress. Dr. Grobbelaar reviewed his plans to date for the congress, including: 1) engagement of a congress planning company to take charge of congress logistics, 2) engagement of limnological colleagues in South Africa to form a congress committee, 3) commitment to emphasize student attendance, particularly among African limnologists, 4) commitment to obtain significant sponsorship in order to maintain reasonable registration fees, 5) commitment to release information on congress developments through the SIL news or by other means at regular intervals over the triennium. Dr. Grobbelaar also presented attractive features of Cape Town as a congress venue. These include easy access to numerous attractions, including wildlife, spring flora, marine mammals, and local sites of

historical significance. He suggested that the congress might be shortened to five days, with a one half day adjournment for excursions, as a means of reducing the cost of registration fees. No final decision was made on this matter. Because of scheduling difficulties that might occur if the congress were scheduled in the southern hemisphere summer, the congress will be held in August, as is customary for SIL congresses. The weather may be wet and cool, but dry areas for sightseeing are readily accessible at a relatively short distance from Cape Town.

Lewis asked for concerns or comments from members of the International Committee; none were given.

Acting General Secretary-Treasurer Lewis reminded the members of the International Committee that Dr. Peter Biro had presented a complete proposal for a congress to be held in Debrecen, Hungary, in 2013. Lewis called for comment on this proposal. As there was none, a vote was taken for approval of the proposal for a congress in Debrecen. The proposal was unanimously accepted, and the Hungarian representatives were asked to continue with detailed planning to be presented at the next congress.

Acting General Secretary-Treasurer Lewis also reminded the members of the International Committee that a proposal had been made by Dr. Bertoni on behalf of the Italian SIL members for a congress to be held in Turin, Italy, in 2016. Lewis called for any objections or concerns about the proposed congress in Turin. None were given. Therefore, the International Committee charged the Italian SIL members to continue planning for a meeting in Turin, to receive final approval at the next congress.

Acting General Secretary-Treasurer Lewis turned to the second major item on the agenda, which was a decision by vote on ten motions brought to the International Committee by the Executive Committee. These motions had been presented at the first meeting of the

International Committee (Table 7).

Motion 1, concerning the name of SIL, was the subject of considerable debate. An amendment was proposed whereby the name of SIL would consist of two parts, one being “International Society for Limnology,” and the second being “Societas Internationalis Limnologiae.” SIL would be the acronym, as proposed in the original motion. The motion to amend was seconded and approved by majority vote. The main motion as amended then was approved by 2/3 majority.

Motions 2, 3, 4, and 5, all of which involve statutory change, were discussed and approved by 2/3 vote of the International Committee.

Motion 6, involving an increase in dues, was discussed and approved by majority vote. Motion 7, involving change in statutory requirements for use of English rather than multiple languages in SIL documents, was approved by 2/3 majority. Motion 8, calling for non-congress meetings, was changed by amendment to encourage non-congress meetings generically rather than making specific reference to a single non-congress meeting between congresses. The motion thus amended was passed by majority vote.

Motion 9, involving elimination of annual payments to IAD by SIL, was debated at length. IAD members described their urgent need for the SIL contribution and their belief that this contribution was especially appropriate in view of the close relationship between IAD and SIL. The motion was amended to make a commitment for SIL to provide IAD funding during 2008 and 2009 but not in later years. The amendment passed by majority vote. The motion thus amended was passed by majority vote. It was understood that IAD could approach SIL again with a new proposal for funding at the congress in 2010, but that the current commitment for funding would be terminated as of the end of 2009.

Motion 10, which proposed a change in investment strategy for endowment funds within SIL, passed by majority vote without dissent.

Acting General Secretary-Treasurer Lewis proposed a final motion intended to clarify the work of the Executive Committee over the coming triennium. The motion, proposed by Lewis and made by incoming General Secretary-Treasurer Morten Søndergaard, was as follows: “SIL will immediately initiate actions based on motions approved at the 2007 SIL Congress.” The purpose of this motion was to waive any requirements for delaying action on statutory changes, as might be implied by some interpretations of the bylaws. The motion passed without dissent.

Acting General Secretary-Treasurer Lewis called for further business. None was proposed, and the meeting was adjourned.

### Second General Assembly

The Second General Assembly of the Montreal congress was held at 1700 on Saturday, August 18. President Likens convened the meeting and informed the assembly members that the next congress of SIL would be scheduled for August 2010 in Cape Town, South Africa. President Likens then called Acting General Secretary-Treasurer Lewis to the podium for a presentation of the motions that had been brought to the assembly earlier by the Executive Committee.

The ten motions from the Executive Committee that had been circulated to members of SIL and introduced for discussion at the First General Assembly were brought sequentially to members of the Second General Assembly for vote. A majority vote on a given motion was necessary for confirmation of passage of the motion by the International Committee.

All ten motions, three of which had been amended during the second meeting of the

national representatives, passed either unanimously or by strong majority vote.

Acting General Secretary-Treasurer Lewis brought to the General Assembly a final motion which had been passed by the International Committee, empowering the Executive Committee to move forward with all ten motions that had been passed rather than waiting to initiate action at the next congress. This motion passed unanimously.

President Likens resumed his position at the podium and informed the assembly that SIL member Alexandre Poulain, who was in charge of the student awards program and was to have made the student awards announcements, had been taken ill. Therefore, President Likens read the names of the award recipients (Table 9). The assembly members congratulated the

Poster Awards	Presenter	Poster
Best Poster	1) Markus Deiser	Microbial diversity in Antarctica
	2) Anurani Persaud, Peter Dillon	Bacteria/phytoplankton contributions to zooplankton diets
	3) Louise Vaughn	Trophic modeling of Lough Neagh
	4) Lieserl Woods, Francis R. Pick, Michel J.L. Robin	Influence of groundwater on algal biomass/accrual
Honorable Mention	1) Elisha Allen, James Haney, Marian Litvaitis, Kate Rawlinson	Species identification using genetic barcodes
	2) Carolyn Faithful	Pelagic energy mobilization
	3) Lynn Frazer, Brenda Hann, Micheal Paterson	Calibration of the cladoceran paleorecord
	4) Kris Hadley	Ancient cultural eutrophication
	5) Lesley Knoll, Michael Vanni, William Renwick	Influence of land-use on carbon dynamics of impoundments
	6) Jorge Lopez-Ramos	Bacteria viability in mountain lakes
	7) Amanda Murby	Educational/research resource for zooplankton ecology
	8) Hiroyuki Togashi, Takao Suzuki, Jotaro Urabe	Variations of chironomid larvae and dragonfly feeding.

Table 9. Poster Awards.

students. President Likens named the two lecturers for the SIL 31 Congress: Robert Sterner, University of Minnesota, Kilham Memorial Lecturer; William Lewis, University of Colorado, Baldi Memorial Lecturer.

President Likens made concluding remarks, thanking the members and the National Representatives as well as the Executive Committee for moving ahead with some structural changes in SIL that will insure the continued success of SIL.

### Closing Ceremony

President Likens convened the Closing Ceremony at 1900 on August 18. He asked Acting General Secretary-Treasurer Lewis to confirm SIL's commitment to conduct a congress in Cape Town, South Africa, in August of 2010. Lewis called Dr. Johan Grobbelaar, leader of the Organizing Committee for SIL 31, to come to the podium. Dr. Grobbelaar issued a formal invitation for the congress in South Africa, and gave an attractive and interesting slide presentation on advantages of a meeting in South Africa. He also made a commitment to SIL for holding down costs of attendance, for maximizing the attendance of students, and for advertising the intentions of SIL to the membership well in advance numerous times. His invitation was warmly received by the attendees. Acting General Secretary-Treasurer Lewis passed the SIL flag to Dr. Grobbelaar to signal the mutual commitments for the congress in 2010.

Yves Prairie came to the podium and gave his overview of the congress, which was a great success in both the scientific and organizational aspects. Dr. Prairie then presented a short video of images obtained by photographers during the congress, and received the applause and thanks of the attendees.

President Likens made concluding remarks. He described the great attractions of SIL as

an organization and his own deep commitment to SIL. He also described his gratitude and joy at the forward-looking agenda that SIL had established for itself as a result of the SIL 30 Congress. He thanked the Executive Committee, the Futures Committee, and many active members who assisted over the course of his six-year administration. He heard the gratitude of the members, as given with their applause at the end of his remarks. The president then formally transferred responsibility for the Society to the newly elected Executive Committee.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William M. Lewis".

William Lewis

Acting General Secretary-Treasurer, 2005-2007

10 September 2007