

VIIIth CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION  
FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL INSECTS \*

Queen Elisabeth College, London. 10th-15th September, 1973.

*Président* : Pr. C. G. BUTLER.  
*Secretary General* : Dr. P. E. HOWSE.

*During the 7th Congress of the International Union for the Study of Social Insects, a meeting took place of the delegates of the various countries represented in London. Each country was represented by one or two delegates, chosen by their compatriots present at the Congress. A Council or International Committee of the I.U.S.S.I. was thereby constituted.*

*The Committee thus formed decided that it was necessary to revise as follows, the statutes of the Union.*

STATUTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION

1 — The International Committee which meets at each Congress (one of which will be held every fourth year) to conduct the business of the Union shall constitute the Representative Body of the Union. It shall consist of delegates chosen by a national group or section of each country (not exceeding two persons per country) together with the Presidents of the two preceding Congresses and the officers of the Union (see paragraph 2). The names of the delegates of each country shall be communicated to the Secretary General.

2 — The Officers, i.e. the President, the Secretary General, the Treasurer, and the Scientific Editor of the Union's publications, shall be elected at each Congress by the International Committee.

3 — The President and Treasurer shall be the President and Treasurer of the Organising Committee of the current Congress. They shall hold office only until the Organising Committee of the next Congress has been chosen, when they will be automatically replaced by the President and Treasurer of the new Organising Committee.

4 — The Secretary General, appointed by the International Committee meeting at each Congress, shall be responsible to that Committee. The retiring

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Secretary General will be eligible for re-election. In the event of the death or resignation of the Secretary General between Congresses a new Secretary General shall be appointed by the other three officers and the members of the International Committee shall be informed forthwith. The new Secretary General shall hold office for the remainder of the term of office of his predecessor.

The Secretary General shall be responsible for maintaining a list of the names of the members of the International Committee. National groups and sections shall keep him informed of any changes in their delegates. He shall convene a meeting of the International Committee during each Congress and prepare the business agenda. He shall arrange for minutes to be kept and circulated to members of the International Committee, these minutes to be submitted for ratification at the next meeting.

5 — The Scientific Editor shall be appointed by the International Committee meeting at the Congress, and shall be responsible for the publications of the Union, including the Union's official journal. The retiring Scientific Editor shall be eligible for re-election. He shall appoint, after consulting the other three Officers, an International Board of Assistant Editors. In the event of the death or resignation of the Scientific Editor between Congresses a new Scientific Editor shall be appointed by the other three Officers after consulting the Assistant Editors. The new Scientific Editor shall hold office for the remainder of the term of office of his predecessor.

6 — The duties of the Treasurer will be to hold the money of the Union. He will hold office until the Treasurer of the next Congress is appointed, when he will transfer the funds in his care to the new Treasurer. The Secretary General and the Scientific Editor with the approval of the other Officers may obtain from Congress funds sufficient money to cover their necessary administrative expenses.

7 — Amendments to the Constitution shall only be made at a meeting of the International Committee and shall be presented for approval at the ensuing general meeting of the Union.

Unfortunately a clause describing the aims of I.U.S.S.I. was omitted from the new Constitution that was approved at the Plenary Session of the 7th Congress on Saturday, 15th September, 1973. It is, therefore, intended to propose at a Plenary Session of the Union at the 8th Congress, that the following clause shall be added to those already approved :—

**Resolution awaiting ratification  
at 8th International Congress.**

« The aims of the Union remain those which were laid down from its initiation : the International Union for the Study of Social Insects has its aim in the coming together of scientists interested in social insects or social arthropods (Hymenoptera, Isoptera, Orthoptera and the like, social spiders, etc.) in whatever discipline it may be (morphology, anatomy, ecology, physiology, behaviour, etc.).

It should facilitate exchange of information and develop contacts among workers in different countries, organise international congresses and symposia, and ensure the publication of a scientific journal, the official organ of the Union. »

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*It was further agreed (nemine contradicente) that :—*

- a. Dr. P. E. HOWSE shall be *Secretary General* of the Union.
- b. Dr. H. MONTAGNER shall be *Scientific Editor* of the Union.
- c. Dr. W. D. HAMILTON, Treasurer of the 7th Congress of the Union, shall be *Treasurer of the Union* until the Treasurer of the Organising Committee for the 8th Congress has been chosen.
- d. Dr. C. G. BUTLER shall remain *President of the Union* until the President of the Organising Committee for the 8th Congress has been chosen.
- e. *The International Union for the Study of Social Insects* shall apply immediately for affiliation with the International Union of Biological Sciences.

#### THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE.

The *International Committee* stands as follows : *President* : P<sup>r</sup> C. G. BUTLER.  
*Members* : R. M. CREWE, D. J. C. FLETCHER (South Africa); A. BUSCHINGER, F. RUTTNER (Germany); E. EXLEY (Australia); G. GASPAR, J. PASTEELS (Belgium); R. L. ARAUJO, W. E. KERR (Brazil); S. E. DIXON, B. HOCKING (Canada); M. J. W. EBERHARD (Colombia); M. G. NIELSEN (Denmark); C. MICHENER, A. M. STUART (U.S.A.); G. LE MASNE, C. NOIROT (France); P. E. HOWSE, J. H. SUDD (Great Britain); J. A. G. BREEN (Ireland); J. ISHAY, R. SZLEP, (Israel); LEUTHOLD, K. WANYIONY (Kenya); A. LØKEN (Norway); M. KRUK DE BRUIN, F. J. RITTER (Netherlands); B. PISARSKI (Poland); M. CORREIA (Portugal); A. KASCHEF (United Arab Republic); H. LUNDBERG, R. G. SVENSSON (Sweden); E. ERNST (Switzerland); I. HRDY (Tzecho-Slovakia).