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Dear colleagues and friends,

This is the last IOP Newsletter issue before the IOPC IX / IPC XIII in Tokyo.

It is mainly dedicated to the information required for the upcoming election of officers to the Executive Committee. This edition includes the full list of candidates and ballot instructions for the elections. Our webmaster Alan Spencer has installed a very efficient and easy to handle online voting system to the Members' Area. I would like to remind you that voting is only possible if you are a paid-up member. So, if you have not yet done, please renew your membership. I would like to thank the colleagues who are ready to stand as candidates and volunteering to spend their time on the support of IOP's future development.

The General Assembly will also be held at the Tokyo meeting. Aside from usual business including the elections, the decision on where to hold the next IOPC will be on the agenda. Furthermore, the awardees of the Mike Boulter Student Travel Award will be announced. If there is any last minute information or announcement to be included in the meeting, please send it to the Secretary johanna.eder@smns-bw.de.

Our Japanese colleagues and organisers have (and are) spending an enormous effort to make this conference a great scientific event. They still have some very hard weeks ahead of them. We keep fingers crossed and wish them to be successful!

Since I am not standing candidate for Secretary again, I would like to thank all of you for supporting me in developing the IOP for the future as well as for your contributions to the Newsletter. I would also like to thank the Regional Representatives who have kept the contacts in their regions which helped collect newsletter contributions. We have therefore been able to regularly produce 3 newsletters a year (12 issues) since 2008 providing the broad community with relevant information. I am optimistic that this level of contribution will not only be continued but will further develop in the future.

I am looking forward to meeting you all in Tokyo.

With kind regards,

Johanna Eder

IOP EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS 2012

Elections are now open for the new IOP Executive. Balloting is mainly taking place via the IOP website through the Members' Area.

<http://www.palaeobotany.org/members/>

Each office open for election has a list of candidates from which you can select the person(s) you wish to vote for. For President and Secretary/Treasurer, you may vote for only **ONE**. For Vice-Presidents and for Members-at-Large you may vote for up to **THREE**. If you do not wish to vote for any of the choices, select the "**NONE**" option. Once you have made your selection(s), click on the "Cast Votes" button. After a successful vote you will receive confirmation on-screen that you have voted.

Your votes will be anonymous, and will be automatically added to the voting tally, which is being kept electronically.

For **ONLY** the small number of members who have neither access to the internet nor an e-mail address, paper balloting is permitted. They must follow the here-described procedure:

Reproduce the ballot below by hand on a plain sheet of paper or by typing out a copy. Mark the ballot plainly by placing an "X" next to one name for President, One name for Secretary/Treasurer, up to three names for Vice President, and up to three names for Member-at-Large. Seal that sheet of paper in an unmarked envelope, and place that envelope in a mailing envelope. Be sure to mark the mailing envelope with your name and full return address.

Address the envelope as follows:

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Voting will continue up to the day of the General Assembly meeting at the IOPC in Tokyo. The elections will conclude at that meeting when the names of the new IOP officers will be announced.

The nominees for the New Executive are as follows:

For President:

Sergio Cevallos Ferris, Mexico
Johanna Eder-Kovar, Germany

For Vice President (three will be elected):

Harufuma Nishida, Japan
Bob Spicer, Great Britain
Mihai Popa, Romania
Brigitte Meyer-Berthaud, France

For Member-at-Large (three will be elected):

Alexej Herman, Russia
Jun Wang, China
Hans Kerp, Germany
Maria Barbacka, Hungary
Yondong Wang, China
Lisa Boucher, USA

For Secretary/Treasurer:

Michael Dunn, USA

UPCOMING MEETINGS

ANDREW SCOTT'S RETIREMENT CONFERENCE

(Friday September 14th 2012, Earth Sciences Department, Royal Holloway University of London)

See Newsletter issue 97. Please inform **Margaret Collinson** (e-mail: M.collinson@es.rhul.ac.uk) if you are planning to attend this meeting.

II (X) INTERNATIONAL BOTANICAL CONFERENCE OF YOUNG SCIENTISTS ST.-PETERSBURG

Komarov Botanical Institute of Russian Academy of Sciences (BIN RAS) (St.-Petersburg, November 11-16, 2012)

See Newsletter issue 97.

http://www.binran.ru/young_conf2e.htm

4th INTERNATIONAL PALEONTOLOGICAL CONGRESS

The history of life: a view from the Southern Hemisphere

Mendoza, Argentina, September 28th – October 3rd, 2014

See Newsletter issue 97. A first flyer can be downloaded from:

<http://www.vertpaleo.org/source/blog/assets/content/FLYER%20-%204%20IPC.pdf>

9th EUROPEAN PALAEOBOTANY PALYNOLOGY CONFERENCE (EPPC) 2014

(August 26-31, 2014, University of Padua)

See Newsletter issue 97.

<http://www.geoscienze.unipd.it/9th-european-palaeobotany-palynology-conference>.

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