

Minutes of the 7th Business Meeting of the International Group for the Study of Mimosoideae

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Meeting opened: 2.11 pm

Chair: J. Vassal

J. Vassal opened the meeting by thanking R. Polhill and G. Lewis for their work preparing for the conference and noted that it was very successful.

History of the IGSM. J. Vassal spoke about the history of the Group. It was originally formed in 1972 to improve co-ordination of the Mimosoideae research. The first IGSM Bulletin was brought out in 1973 and the first meeting was held in 1974 in Geneva¹.

Financial Situation. Current balance is approximately £300 credit. Volume 19 (1991) cost 8000 FF to produce which was approximately 800 FF more than the previous Bulletin.

Nomination of a new Secretary/Manager. Elections were held for a new Secretary/ Manager to fill the position made vacant by the resignation of J. Vassal. L. Brimer was nominated and accepted as the new Secretary/Manager².

The remainder of the meeting was chaired by Leon Brimer. L. Brimer thanked J. Vassal for his 19 yrs as editor of the Bulletin and for being Secretary/Manager of the Group and the members present at the meeting saluted J. Vassal for his efforts.

Future of the Group³. L. Brimer introduced discussion on the future of the group.

Financial. It was agreed that the subscription be increased slightly to \$US20 for individual members and \$US30 for institutional members.

Collection of subscriptions.

In Australia - A. Cavanagh was still collecting subscriptions.

In the UK - G. Lewis agreed to continue collecting subscriptions.

In Mexico - L. Rico-Arce will look for someone.

In the USA - Thanks were extended to D. Seigler for collecting subscriptions in the past and J. Romeo agreed to collect them in the future.

In southern Africa - R. Polhill suggested that P. Linder or B-E. van Wyck could possibly collect the subscriptions.

R. Polhill suggested that the CTA European commission or ICRAF may buy copies of the Bulletin for people in Africa and suggested considering a reduced fee per Bulletin for these groups. L. Rico-Arce suggested that in the West Indies members of the botanical gardens may be able to buy the Bulletin and possibly also collect subscriptions. G. Lewis would like to be

¹ See article below by J. Vassal titled "Brief report on the activities of the IGSM - 1973/1992" (pp. 13-15).

² This role has now been assumed by Stephen Harris (Secretary) and Richard Cowan and Bruce Maslin (joint Editors).

³ See article above by current Secretary and Editors (pp. 1-2).

able to collect subscriptions for three years and send it into the Bulletin to reduce problems with collecting the fee.

Bulletin. It was decided to keep all the information on references in the bulletin and to maintain the way that manuscripts were presented.

There was extensive discussion on ways to ensure that members would keep in touch. J. Romeo suggested that a second bulletin should be posted every six months to get into an update. R. Polhill suggested sending out a list of all members every year as a secondary method of keeping in touch. G. Lewis suggested that in the call for subscriptions there could also be a note calling for articles and for research points and for lists of requested specimens. L. Brimer said he would consider these suggestions over the next year.

To reduce the problems of postal cost, R. Polhill suggested that posting of all copies of the Bulletin to one country should be done in bulk and then distribution arranged within the country. This would considerably reduce the cost of postage and also spread some of the cost of postage to other research institutions. G. Lewis said he would be able to do it in England and L. Brimer agreed to investigate the cost savings. L. Brimer would like papers to be sent to him on IBM Wordperfect disks but will also accept papers in hardcopy where necessary.

Collaborative projects. L. Brimer suggested that the IGSM could participate in work in the Americas and contribute to future plans for other major projects. G. Lewis suggested that the IGSM Bulletin may have a role in critical species and genera lists and in providing a taxonomic framework for further research in Mimosoideae groups. G. Lewis said he would do it with Cesalpinioideae. B. Maslin said he was already doing this with *Acacia* species¹. There was some discussion on the listing of seed and live material sources. R. Polhill suggested listing seed and other sources with the critical species list. B. Maslin suggested that a register of resources, i.e. seed and living material, should be collected and distributed through the IGSM. J. Vassal suggested that this could be put into an information sheet with information about seed collecting agencies such as ATSC in Australia, CIUAT in Columbia and CENAGEN in Brazil. L. Brimer said he would collect this information for the IGSM bulletin.

Tea break.

Editorial Board. Resumed after tea with discussions concerning an editorial board which had been recommended by J. Vassal. L. Brimer indicated that the duties of an editorial board would include suggesting ideas on articles and help with manuscript corrections, particularly for language. Collation of the literature will continue to be done by A. Cavanagh, L. Rico-Arce and B. McKinder. A vote of thanks was made to L. Rico-Arce and B. McKinder at Kew and A. Cavanagh in Australia for the assistance that they provided with the literature search. The editorial board was elected to include: J. Kenrick, G. Lewis and B. Maslin. I. Nielsen also volunteered to provide some assistance with manuscripts.

Place and date for next meeting. Renée Fortunato suggested the Latin American Congress which would be held in Argentina in September/October 1994. This was agreed to by the meeting to be worked on.

¹ See article below by B.R. Maslin and C.H. Stirton titled "Generic and infrageneric classification in *Acacia* (Leguminosae: Mimosoideae): a list of critical species on which to build a comparative data set" (pp. 22-44).

Other Business. B. Maslin informed the meeting about the *Acacia* volume of The Flora of Australia. Approximately 900 species are being included and it is hoped that the text will be completed by the end of 1992 with the keys being produced after this time.

Meeting closed: **4.52**

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