

# THE IAVS BULLETIN

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*The 45<sup>th</sup> Symposium of the IAVS will be held in Porto Alegre, Brazil, from March 3 to March 8, 2002. Main theme of the meeting will be 'Vegetation dynamics in space and time'.*

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## From the Secretary General

Dear IAVS Members, Colleagues and Friends,

Whereas many organizations and societies nowadays are confronted with signs of diminishing interest and declining membership numbers, the International Association for Vegetation Science is flourishing and attracting more attention than ever. During the last decade, the number of members has increased from fewer than 900 in 1990 to 1644 in June 2001. At the same time, the annual symposia are well attended and becoming more and more international. The most recent meeting, in Freising (Germany), was attended by more than 400 participants from nearly 50 different countries. Many groups from various parts of the world are willing to organize the symposium in the near future; one even may conclude that there is a certain competition going on. First, we will have the annual meeting in Porto Alegre (Brasil) in March 2002, thereafter in Napoöl (Naples), Italy, in June 2003. For the next years there is already a whole series of candidates: Seoul (Korea), Lisboa (Portugal), Cape Town (South Africa), Bangor (Wales, UK), Dunedin (New Zealand), St. Peterburg (Russia), and Hawaii (USA). As mentioned in the previous newsletter, after more than 60 years (!), our society will soon be registered formally under Dutch law. On 6 December 2001, the Secretary General and the Publication Officer will sign the documents concerned at the notary in Bemmél, The Netherlands, on behalf of the Executive Committee, and authorized by the General Assembly at Freising last summer.

Wageningen, November 2001

Joop Schaminée

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## **Minutes of the Advisory Council Meetings on 30 and 31 July 2001**

Apart from Council members, the meeting was attended by some guests, partly on behalf of forthcoming excursions and annual meetings. The attendance list was signed by the Council members J.P. Bakker (NL), R. Bornkamm (DE), G. Bredenkamp (ZA), E.O. Box (US), H. Dierschke (DE), K. Fujiwara (JP), D. Goldberg (US), T. Herben (CZ), M. Hill (UK), E. van der Maarel (NL), A. Miyawaki (JP), D. Mueller-Dombois (US), R. Pott (DE), A. Schwabe-Kratochwil (DE) and J.H.J. Schaminée (NL), and the guests P. Coker (UK), M.D. Espirito Santo (PT), A. Fischer (DE), J. van der Maarel (SE), A. Mueller-Dombois (US), J. Pfadenhauer (DE), I. Safronova (RU), N. Smits (NL), H. Thomas (UK) and J.B. Wilson (NZ).

### **1. Opening**

The president, E.O. Box, opened the meeting at 18:00 with a word of welcome.

### **2. Approval of minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting, in Nagano (24 July 2000), were formally approved after correcting some spelling mistakes.

### **3. Report of the Executive Committee**

The Treasurer (Hartmut Dierschke) presented the financial report for 2000. The income for 2000 was 5,080.28 DM, and the expenditures were 5,281.85 DM. So the balance for 2000 was -201.61 DM. This makes the total assets on 31 December 2000 for the IAVS: 71,312,18 DM.

Dierschke mentioned that quite a number of people (not subscribing to a journal) that received a reminder last year have indicated that they would like to stay a member of the IAVS and have since paid their membership fee: 185 out of 281 that were reminded. All members were informed that the annual fee from 2001 onwards will be 20 USD or 20 EUR, as was decided during the Annual Meeting in Bilbao. In Bilbao, it also was decided to offer the possibility to pay for more than one year at a time (75 USD or 75 EUR for a 5-year subscription).

As in 2001 (Freising), it was decided to support the next IAVS symposium (Porto Alegre) with 5000 EUR to facilitate the attendance of young scientists. The organizing committee is free to spend this grant under the following conditions: (1) the person or persons in question must present a paper or poster at the IAVS symposium, and (2) it must be announced somewhere that participation at the symposium was made possible by a grant from the IAVS. The grant includes IAVS membership for at least one year.

A proposal was discussed to appoint an assistant for the office in Wageningen for membership administration (including financial administration of members not subscribing to a journal). It was decided that a maximum of 2500 EUR yearly will be made available for this task, starting 1 September 2001. This certainly will facilitate the exchange of information between Opulus Press and the office in Wageningen. Following the announcement by Hartmut Dierschke that he would like to hand over the function of Treasurer to someone else next year, this also makes it possible to combine the functions of Secretary General and Treasurer again from 2002 onwards, after the Council meeting in Porto Alegre. The Secretary General is authorized to appoint this assistant.

A written report of the IAVS Publication Officer (Eddy van der Maarel) was brought forward and discussed.

The number of IAVS members in June 2001 was 1644, which is somewhat lower than last year. The

simple reason for this decrease is that many members who had not paid for years have been removed from the list, both those taking a journal and those not doing so. Of the members, 872 were subscribing to the *Journal of Vegetation Science* (including free subscriptions to members of the Editorial Board and some 40 adoptees). Of these 872 subscribers, 25 take only the electronic version and 5 the combination of paper and electronic versions. The number of library subscriptions is 425. Altogether 481 members were subscribing to *Applied Vegetation Science* and there are 99 library subscriptions; both figures are higher than last year. A new membership list has been completed and has been distributed during the Freising symposium; a copy will be sent to all members by mail.

After resigning from the Editorial Board, the Publication Officer stopped collecting information on the composition of the Editorial Board and number of submitted and accepted manuscripts, because it was assumed that this information will now be provided by or through the Chairman of the Editorial Board. Through a misunderstanding this has not yet happened. Nevertheless, a few words have been included in his report on this matter. There are now four Editors who serve both *JVS* and *AVS*. Editor Ladislav Mucina resigned in the autumn of 2000 because of his start as a professor of botany in South Africa. Laco has been an Editor since 1995, and we owe him many thanks for his input. Associate Editor Jan P. Bakker from Groningen was asked to replace him. This nomination has been formalized by the Advisory Council. The four Editors are now J.P. Bakker, J. Oksanen, P.S. White and J.B. Wilson. Bastow Wilson acts as Chairperson. The number of Associate Editors was increased in 2000 in order to improve the procedure of manuscript review and decision about acceptance or rejection. There were nine Associate Editors after Prof. Rob Marrs from Liverpool was invited to take Jan Bakker's place. In 2001 the number was increased to 12 by inviting Helge Bruelheide from Göttingen, Exequiel Ezcurra from Mexico City and Paul Harcombe from Houston, Texas. There are four Associate Editors for *AVS*. Rob Marrs took over the position of Jan Bakker, who became an Editor. The members of the Editorial Boards change regularly because most members serve only one or two terms. New in the Board of *JVS* are Milan Chytrý from Brno, Rasmus Erjnas from Rønne, Jonas Lawesson from Aarhus and Meelis Pärtel from Tartu. Since 2000, *JVS* has one of the Associate Editors, Sandra Díaz, acting as Forum Editor, with the purpose to solicit more manuscripts with a critical or commentary character on current topics in vegetation ecology. Several Forum papers have appeared in the 2000 issues and the 2001 issues published so far. The submitted manuscripts are received by the Editorial Office in Länna, Sweden, and their review is organized by Lena Lundgren, Head of the Office. An electronic system for handling manuscripts is under preparation. The final step in this system, the announcement of accepted papers on the website of Opulus Press, is already in use.

Since the beginning of *JVS* there has been an adoption system. Partly through personal adoptions by members and partly through contributions to a special Global Fund, the journal has been made available to many colleagues in countries with currency-exchange problems, most of them leaders of active research groups. To arrange and manage this, an Adoption Committee has functioned, unofficially, since the beginning. Since the Bilbao meeting, the Committee has the following members: Eddy van der Maarel (Publication Officer), Joop Schaminée (Secretary), Hartmut Dierschke (Treasurer), Marijke van der Maarel (former IAVS administrator), Michael W. Palmer and Tomáš Herben. Adoptions go to Albania, Algeria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, Chile, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Estonia, Georgia, India, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Nigeria, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Ukraina, Yugoslavia, and Zambia. Since there is now the possibility of an electronic subscription for an adoptee, which is clearly cheaper, more adoptees can be included and *AVS* adoptions can be considered as well. Therefore, it was proposed to inform the *JVS* adoptees that, from 2002 onwards, the standard adoption will involve an electronic subscription. As per April 2001, the capital of the Global Fund was 65.671 SEK. There were 43 adoptees. For the Global Fund, 850 SEK were donated. The number of adopters decreased, mainly because most of the new members of the Editorial Board now made use of the offer for a free subscription. Opulus Press, feeling sorry for the negative result on *JVS/AVS* over 2000, promised to take over 10 adoptions. This means that 16 x 750 SEK has to be paid to Opulus, minus the 850 SEK donations (see above), = 11.150 SEK. The payment of this amount will soon be arranged, whereafter the available

capital of the Global Fund will be  $(65.671 - 11.150) = 54.521$  SEK. This amount is not much less than that available two years ago, but there is a negative trend now and we have to diminish our expenses – which we easily can achieve through limiting the number of paper copies and the provision of electronic copies to adoptees. It was discussed and decided that from 2002 onwards, the financial administration of the Global Fund will be controlled by the Treasurer, for which a separate account will be opened.

A financial report for 2000 has been sent by Opulus to the Secretary General. This report reveals that there is again no profit. There are mainly two reasons for this situation: (1) the number of new subscribers did not increase and we had relatively many subscribers who did not pay but still cost money; and (2) Opulus had to invest in the electronic facilities. As follows from the figures on subscriptions, the investment may start paying off immediately.

Because Opulus Press uses to keep newly established prices for at least one more year, and in view of the expected positive development of the economy of the journals, it was arranged with the Press that the prices for 2002 will be the same as for 2001.

Finally, some miscellaneous topics were brought forward: (1) Several editors and also the Publishers were not happy with the demand that authors of published papers should in principle subscribe to the IAVS journal in which they publish. Accordingly it has been proposed to terminate page charges. (2) Acceptance of AVS by “Current Contents” and the “Science Citation Index” appears closer. They are waiting to check issue 4-1 – the main criterion at the moment seems to be that the journal is published on time. The issue was published in June and sent directly to the ISI office. Probably AVS will then be accepted. (3) As was mentioned last year, the Publication Officer is in touch with SPARC, the Scholarly Publishing & Academic Resources Coalition, an American organization aimed at breaking the dominance of the commercial publishing houses with their ever increasing subscription prices. SPARC receives support from a growing number of major libraries, at the moment ca. 150, mainly university libraries from the US and Canada. SPARC supports journals which are cheap alternatives to very expensive journals, and even promotes the start of new journals which may be able to outcompete commercial counterparts. After SPARC received all the necessary information on *JVS* earlier this year, the organization decided to adopt IAVS as a partner eligible for such support. Soon we will receive the text of an agreement, which has to be signed by representatives of IAVS – maybe the Publication Officer and the Chairperson of the Editorial Board – and Opulus Press. One of the benefits of this agreement will be that all libraries supporting SPARC will commit themselves to enter a subscription to *JVS*! Although many of these libraries already subscribe to *JVS*, it may imply that we will get at least 50 more libraries to subscribe

This again would mean a considerable improvement in the journal’s finances.

Box emphasized that the increasingly international nature of the IAVS also can be seen from the list of participants at this year’s symposium: Argentina (7), France (10), Africa (23, apart from South Africa), Australia (6), New Zealand (7), Israel (5), India (4), and Russia (29) among others.

#### **4. Election of the Advisory Council and Executive Committee (2002-2005)**

A provisional list of candidates was put forward by the Secretary General and was discussed during the meeting, based on a set of criteria. The final list contains all candidates from the 1998 list of candidates insofar as far as they (1) received at least 20 votes during the 1998 election, and (2) have not indicated that they want to be excluded from the list (Bornkamm, Theurillat, Willems, Wilmanns). A number of 1998 candidates have been removed, who (1) have not attended at least once IAVS meeting during the last five years and (2) could be presumed not willing to be nominated again his time. Added are some new candidates whose names were brought forward by Council members by e-mail. The present list contains 111 names, of which 40 will be elected directly by receiving the most votes. To guarantee that each major world region will be represented by the newly elected Council, at least one representative from each region will be admitted, regardless of how many votes are received (i.e. the candidate that

receives the most votes among those in the region). An initial list of major world regions suggested by Box was discussed, resulting in the following 11 regions: (1) Northern Europe including British Isles and Baltic countries, (2) Central Europe, (3) Southern Europe, (4) Eastern Europe including Russia and Ukraine, (5) Middle East including Middle Asia, (5) South and Southeast Asia, (7) East Asia, (8) Africa, (9) North America, (10) Latin America including Central America and non-English Caribbean, and (11) Australia and New Zealand plus Pacific islands.

## **5. Report of Working Groups, Commissions and Regional Sections**

During the meeting in Uppsala (1998), it was decided that Working Groups, Commissions and Regional Sections should provide an annual report to the Advisory Council and that these (short) reports should be published in the IAVS Bulletin. These annual reports can be found elsewhere in this bulletin (see further under 'Working Groups, Commissions and Regional Sections').

Two extra regional sections were formally announced, a Regional Section for Japan (contact person: Kazue Fujiwara) and a Regional Section for the Pacific Islands (PABITRA, contact person: Dieter Mueller-Dombois).

## **6. Statutes**

Preceding the meeting of the Advisory Council, an updated version of the Statutes of the International Association for Vegetation Science (a translation of the Dutch draft-statutes as made by the public notary, and corrected and partly restructured by Eddy van der Maarel) was sent to all Council members. The changes were elucidated by van der Maarel at the council meeting. A complete version of the statutes was posted at the Symposium registration desk for all IAVS members. One of the items that was discussed concerned the name of the Advisory Council. After voting, it was decided to change the name to 'Council'; 10 against 4). The formal Statutes will be accompanied by 'By-Laws' to settle everyday business. A draft will be prepared by Eddy van der Maarel, which will be discussed at the meeting in Porto Alegre next year.

## **7. IAVS Bulletin, Membership List and Homepage**

The IAVS Bulletin and the Membership List was made available for all IAVS members at the symposium registration desk. In connection with the election of the new Council and the early timing of the annual meeting in 2002 (March), the next Bulletin will be prepared in autumn 2001 and should be sent to all members by mail before the end of November. The next Membership List will be prepared in 2004. Nina Smits attended the Council meeting to present some information concerning the homepage ([www.iavs.org](http://www.iavs.org)). There have been some minor problems with the server, that will be solved as soon as possible. The homepage will be housed in Wageningen.

## **8. Activities of the coming years**

As decided before, the annual IAVS Meeting of 2002 will be held in Porto Alegre, Brasil. In 2003 the annual IAVS Meeting will take place in Napoli (Naples), Italy, according to earlier proposals by Prof. Pedrotti (Camerino) and Prof. Pignatti (Rome). In 2004 Korea will organize the INTECOL meeting and so it is unclear whether this will interfere with their former plan to organise the 2004 IAVS Symposium. For the coming years several proposals were made, some supported by formal letters. The list includes:

Cape Town (South Africa; formal letter from George Bredekamp and Laco Mucina); Lisboa (Portugal; formal invitation by Maria Delila Espirito Santo); Bangor (Wales, UK; invitation by Paddy Coker and Hilary Thomas); Dunedin (New Zealand; invitation by Bastow Wilson); St. Peterburg (Russia; invitation by Irina Safranova); and Hawaii (USA; invitation by Dieter Mueller-Dombois).

## 9. Relationship IAVS and Opulus

A proposal was made to continue the agreement between IAVS and Opulus Press with regard to the *Journal of Vegetation Science (JVS)* and to formalize this agreement also for *Applied Vegetation Science (AVS)*. The Publication Officer was asked to prepare a draft document to renew the agreement for another five years. This draft will be sent for discussion to all members of the Executive Committee and to the Publisher. The proposed changes in the Editorial Board of JVS have been accepted by the Advisory Council.

According to the formal agreement between IAVS and Opulus Press, the Press received the equivalent of 20 DM (the membership fee if paid to Germany) for each subscriber to *JVS* or *AVS*, of which amount 50 % was kept to improve the journal's finances and 50% was transferred to IAVS. During the meeting of the Advisory Council in Uppsala in 1998, simplification of this arrangement was discussed, so Opulus Press would keep the entire membership part but in exchange would extend its work on behalf of IAVS, i.e. not only take care of total membership administration but also edit the membership list and have it printed every few years. In fact, this has happened with the Membership Lists of December 1998 and June 2001. Moreover, since initiation of the Bulletin, Opulus Press has done the desk-editing and taken care of the printing of the Bulletin, which could also be part of this deal. It is difficult to estimate whether this is economically advantageous for IAVS or for Opulus; according to Opulus, the net result of ins and outs is roughly zero. And, of course, for both partners the administration is simplified. Based on the information presented, the Council decided to formalize the Uppsala agreement for at least the next five years. The Secretary General and Publisher will propose a list of services that will be extended by the Publisher in return for the 10 DM for each journal-subscribing member. This list will be sent to the members of the Executive Committee for approval.

Eddy van der Maarel announced that, after eight years of service, he will not be electable for another term as Publication Officer. As his possible successor, Martin Diekmann was brought forward. This proposal received full support of the Council members. Van der Maarel promised to prepare a job description for the functions of Publication Officer and send it to the Secretary General.

## 10. Issues Emerging

The Council granted the request of the publisher of *Phytocoenologia* (Gebr. Borntraeger Verlagsbuchhandlung) to make use of IAVS mailing labels to inform members about a special offer for a reduced subscription price for this journal.

As requested by the Secretary General, the procedure was discussed how to deal with associate (non-paying) membership. As mentioned in the IAVS Membership list, in June 2001, the members of the IAVS are from 83 countries. Of these countries, 38 have been interpreted as so-called 'poor' countries (e.g. having currency-exchange problems). People from these countries may apply for an associate membership. Nevertheless, each request will be judged individually, among other things, depending on professional status of the person in question (student/unemployed). Furthermore, it has been decided that the total number of associate members may not exceed the number of paying members.

## Minutes of the General Assembly on 2 August 2001, held in Freising

1. The President, E.O. Box, opened the Assembly at 16.45. All members had been notified of, and were invited to, the General Assembly, through the Third Circular of the Freising Symposium. More than 130 members were present, which constituted a quorum for decision making. Short obituaries were expressed by Joop Schaminée for Prof. Victor Westoff and by Elgene Box for Prof. Antoni (Ton) Damman.

2. The Minutes of the last IAVS meeting, in Nagano (Japan), were approved without further comments.

3. The President and the Secretary General (J. H. J. Schaminée) reported on the major items that were discussed during the meetings of the Advisory Council on 30 and 31 July 2001 (see Minutes of this meeting): financial situation, account of the publication officer, election of the new Council next year, and reports of working groups, commissions and regional sections. With regard to the election procedure, members were asked to send suggestions for candidates to the Secretary General. There was agreement on the procedure to ensure that all major regions will be represented in the Council. Ballots will be sent to all members, with the new IAVS Bulletin, before Christmas and must be returned before the end of January 2002.

A new Membership List and the IAVS Bulletin were made available at the registration desk. All IAVS members were asked to forward any changes in address or e-mail to the Secretary General. The General Assembly authorized the Publication Officer (E. van der Maarel) and Secretary General to sign official documents, as needed, at the office of a Notary in the Netherlands. All proposals for minor changes (including text corrections sent by e-mail) will be collected and carried out by van der Maarel.

3. The organizing committee for next year's meeting in Porto Alegre invited all members to attend the next IAVS Symposium, in Brasil. A brief overview of the scientific themes of this meeting and the excursion program were presented. Deviating from the usual schedule, the 2002 Symposium will take place early in the year, in March 2002, corresponding to late summer in the Southern Hemisphere.

4. Information was presented about the publication of contributions to the Freising Symposium. In consultation with the chairs of the individual sections, the editors of the *Journal of Vegetation Science*, *Applied Vegetation Science*, *Phytocoenologia*, and *Basic and Applied Ecology* (Gesellschaft für Ökologie) have offered the possibility to publish special issues. The selection of relevant topics will be made in consultation with the chairs of the individual sections. Two topics were already selected for a special issue of *Phytocoenologia*, respectively on 'Plant-animal interactions' (sections 2.4 and 4.1) and on 'Vegetation patterns at the landscape level' (section 6.1).

The proceedings of the Uppsala symposium from 1998 are available now and will be sent to all participants of that meeting. A special volume on 'Vegetation and Climate' (topic of the Bilbao symposium), edited by Ulrich Deil and Javier Loidi, was published in *Phytocoenologia* in November 2000.

5. At the Freising Symposium, out of a total of 90 student posters, three posters were awarded prizes. The prizes were all given to students from Germany. The First Prize was given to Silke Werth from Germany for a poster 'Are epiphytic macrolichens faithful indicators of hemeroby in deciduous forests?'. Posters by Stephanie Clauss and Christian Wild on 'Assessment of vegetation cover as a tool for environmental planning of Utila Island, Honduras' and by Astrid Sjøe on 'The effect of forest structure on soil respiration in beech forests under different management regimes' were ranked second.

6. Michael Richter made some suggestions for improving future meetings.

7. The meeting was concluded at 18:00. All IAVS members were invited to attend the next meeting of the General Assembly, in Porto Alegre, in March 2002.

## **Reports and Overview of Working Groups, Commissions and Regional Sections**

### **VEGETATION THEORY**

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This working group is not active at the moment.

### **EUROPEAN VEGETATION SURVEY**

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The 10<sup>th</sup> EVS Workshop was held in Rome, 29 March to 2 April 2001. This anniversary Workshop comprised four (rather than the usual three) days and, in addition to a special theme on Halophytic Vegetation, reviewed progress made by the EVS over the past decade on paradigms and principles; national programs and international overviews; policy, nature management and monitoring; and software. With speakers on North America, the Far East, Asia, Central America, South Africa and Australia, it also offered a wider perspective on vegetation survey.

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### Election of the new Council (2002-2005)

A new Council will be elected prior to the IAVS Symposium in 2002 and will be installed during the meeting in Porto Alegre. Each IAVS member is asked to select a maximum of 40 persons from the list below. Among the candidates on the list, Martin Diekmann has been approached to take over the position of Publication Officer in the new Executive Committee that will be chosen from the elected Council in Porto Alegre next symposium. Martin Diekmann is willing to perform this task. The presented list of candidates is elucidated in the Minutes of the Advisory Council under agenda item 4. The names of the members of the present Council are in bold. **Please, send the completed ballot (see separate sheet) before 31 January 2002 to the Secretary General, Joop Schaminée (P.O. Box 47, NL 6700 AA Wageningen, The Netherlands).**

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## **IAVS Symposia**

### **45<sup>th</sup> IAVS Symposium in Porto Alegre, Brazil (2002)**

The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the IAVS will be held in Porto Alegre, on the campus of the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), in southern Brazil. The symposium is scheduled for Sunday 3 March to Friday 8 March 2000. The Pre-Symposium Excursion (25 February – 2 March) will show the landscape and vegetation across the central and southwest regions of Rio Grande do Sul and will include subtropical forests and grassland vegetation (excursion fee ca. \$230US). The Post-Symposium Excursion (9-13 March) will lead across the high plateau and the coastal regions in northeastern Rio Grande do Sul and southern Santa Catarina states. Excursion goals include highland grasslands, Araucaria and Atlantic forests, coastal vegetation and beaches (excursion fee ca. 300 US\$). The main theme will be 'Vegetation Dynamics in Time and Space'. The contributions will include studies involving short- to long-term vegetation dynamics, different spatial scales, and interactions with climate, disturbance and management. They will range from descriptive aspects to modelling, and will adopt different approaches (species, plant functional types). As always, papers may be presented orally or as posters.

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### **46<sup>th</sup> IAVS Symposium in Napoli, Italy (2003)**

The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the IAVS will take place in Italy, in and near the city of Napoli (Naples). The Symposium location will be at Castel dell' Ovo, a modern Congress Centre in the scenic castle above the harbour, founded 1200 AD. Hotel accommodations will be available in neighbouring parts of the city. The symposium is scheduled for the week following Pentecost (Pfungsten), which is a favourable time for many central-European colleagues because of university holidays. Arrival and inscriptions will take place on June 7, the meeting from June 8 until June 12. The main excursions planned are: (1) a pre-symposium excursion June 5-7, starting from Rome on June 4 (late afternoon) for participants arriving at the international airport — 2 1/2 days enabling a short overview of coastal and mainland vegetation between Rome and Naples (4 climax belts: Quercetum ilicis, mixed deciduous oak forest, beech forest, mediterranean mountain grasslands); and (2) a post-Congress excursion June 13-21, with travel by ship to Sicily, seeing Madonie Mt., the Stromboli volcano and Mt. Etna; then transfer to mainland Italy, Mt. Pollino, Abruzzo National Park, return to Naples or Rome International Airport. On June 10 there will be a mid-congress excursion to Mt. Vesuvio or the Isle of Capri. The excursion program and dates are initial and may be changed.

## Miscellaneous

### **Prof. Dr. Victor Westhoff (1916-2001)**

On 12 March 2001, Victor Westhoff died in a car accident at the age of 84. With him we lost a great vegetation ecologist and conservationist, but also a beloved friend. It is not easy to summarize the significance of Westhoff's work because it spans an unusually long period of time – 67 years – and an even more unusually wide spectrum of topics. His first publication (from 1934) was on the dramatic changes on flora and vegetation caused by the closing of the Zuiderzee and the last of his publications, in a journal for analytical psychology, dealt with botanical symbolism. Most of Victor Westhoff's 700 (!) papers dealt with vegetation ecology and nature conservation, for which indeed he enjoyed an international reputation. Victor Westhoff was a botanist *pur sang*, but he was also a poet, who published two collections and several other poems. He was a philosopher who became interested in Buddhism. The funeral took place in a Roman Catholic church, but the service was Buddhist. He had studied analytical psychology and was an adept of C.G. Jung. Finally, he was fond of music and had tremendous knowledge about many composers. Mozart was his favorite composer, and for many years he was on the board of the Dutch Mozart society. Victor Westhoff was an active member, and later honorary member, of the International Association for Vegetation Science and has had a major impact on international cooperation in our field. He was unique in that he witnessed all three meetings at which the association was established or resurrected: in April 1939 (foundation of the 'Association Internationale de Phytosociologie' in Marseille); in 1947 new establishment in Hilversum, during a visit of J. Braun-Blanquet to The Netherlands; and in 1982, after the death of R. Tüxen, adoption of new statutes and present name. Westhoff was also a member of the editorial board and an editor of *Vegetatio*, which was linked to the association from its start in 1948 to 1989, when the *Journal of Vegetation Science* became the official organ of the IAVS. He took part in several international excursions and presented many lectures. He also attended the founding meeting of the working group for the European Vegetation Survey (in 1992 in Rome).

*Eddy van der Maarel and Joop Schaminée*

### **Dr. Antoni W.H. Damman (1932-2000)**

On December 27, 2000, Antoni (Ton) Damman died suddenly at Middlesex Hospital in Middeltown, Connecticut. Ton Damman was born on April 21, 1932, in Utrecht, The Netherlands. He studied plant ecology at the Wageningen Agricultural University. In 1956, Ton immigrated to Newfoundland, Canada, where he became a research scientist at the Canadian Forest Service in St. Johns. After his immigration to the United States in 1967, he accepted a faculty position in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Connecticut, Storrs. Ton retired from the University of Connecticut in 1996 and moved to Manhattan, Kansas, where he joined the faculty in the Division of Biology at Kansas State University. Ton Damman established a long and distinguished career in wetland ecology and published widely on the ecology, biogeochemistry and vegetation of peatlands, vegetation-habitat relationships, vegetation classification and mapping, and plant geography of eastern North America. Bill Maedes, one of his students in the 1970s wrote "I have never met a man before or since with so much enthusiasm for his science, his students and life in general. The expression on his face when he saw a new plant or an 'old friend' in a new habitat was unforgettable. The world has lost a good person and great ecologists". Within the IAVS, many of us will remember Ton Damman as a beloved colleague, always sharing knowledge and astonishment, especially during botanical excursions in the field.

*Bernard Gonnifet*

**New Statutes of the International Association for Vegetation Science. November 2001.**

**Name, Languages and Seat**

**Article 1**

1. The Association shall be known as Internationale Vereniging voor Vegetatiekunde.  
It shall also be known as  
International Association for Vegetation Science (IAVS),  
Internationale Vereinigung für Vegetationskunde (IVV),  
Association Internationale pour l'Etude de la Végétation (AIEV),  
Asociación Internacional de Ciencias de la Vegetación (AICV).
2. The official languages of the Association for symposia, excursions, publications and other activities shall be Dutch, English, French, German, and Spanish. All official documents shall be published in Dutch and English.
3. The seat of the Association shall be in the municipality of Wageningen, The Netherlands.

**Aims**

**Article 2**

1. The aims of the Association are:
  - a. to promote research and education in vegetation science;
  - b. to promote the publication of research results in vegetation science;
  - c. to facilitate scientific and personal contacts among vegetation scientists of all countries;
  - d. to promote applications of vegetation science;
  - e. to increase awareness and to disseminate knowledge about vegetation.
2. These aims will be achieved by
  - a. the organization of scientific meetings;
  - b. the establishing of Working Groups and Committees dealing with special themes of vegetation science;
  - c. the publication and distribution of scientific journals and books;
  - d. other means.

**Duration**

**Article 3**

1. The Association is established for an indefinite period of time.
2. The fiscal year runs from January 1st to December 31st.

**Membership**

**Article 4**

1. Membership in the Association is open to all who are interested in vegetation science and are willing to support the aims of the Association. The Association shall consist of individuals who shall

be either Full Members, Associate Members or Honorary Members. Full Members pay an annual membership fee. Associate Membership can be obtained by those who are interested in vegetation science but live in a country with currency exchange problems or have financial problems of another kind. Honorary membership is obtained through election by the Council after nomination by at least five members.

All members can participate at all meetings of the Association and have voting right at the General Assembly.

2. Membership is obtained by application to the Secretary of the Association.

3. Membership terminates:

- a. through death of the member;
- b. through notice by the member;
- c. through notice by the Association;
- d. through deprivation

4. Membership can be terminated by the member at the end of any fiscal year. This proceeds through a letter to the Executive Committee giving four weeks notice. If the notice has not taken place in time, membership is continued until the end of the next fiscal year.

Membership is terminated immediately:

- a. if it cannot reasonably be required of the member to continue membership;
- b. within a month after a decision has reached the member including a limitation or reinforcement of the obligations of the members (unless it concerns a change in the financial rights and obligations);
- c. within a month after a decision has reached the member concerning the change of the Association into another legal form or in case of a fusion.

5. The Executive Committee may give notice of termination on behalf of the Association to take effect at the end of the current fiscal year when a member, after having been urged in writing repeatedly, has not settled financial obligations over the current fiscal year by the 1st of November. Termination requires at least four weeks' notice.

If termination has not taken place in time, membership continues until the end of the next fiscal year. However, membership can be terminated immediately if it cannot reasonably be required of the Association to continue membership. Notice of termination shall be in writing and contain the reasons for termination.

6. Expulsion from membership can only be proclaimed when a member acts in violation of the statutes, by-laws or decisions of the Association, or when the member damages the Association in an unreasonable way. Expulsion is by the Executive Committee. Notice of expulsion shall be in writing and contain the reasons for expulsion. The member concerned may appeal against the decision at the General Assembly within one month after receipt of the notice. During the term of appeal and pending the appeal the member is suspended. A suspended member has no right to vote.

7. When the membership ends in the course of a fiscal year the member shall pay the contribution for that year, unless the Executive Committee decides differently.

8.

a. Members of the Association may be organized in Regional Sections.

b. A Regional Section shall consist of at least 15 members who are geographically related. Sections shall have a President and statutes. Sections, their statutes, and the nomination of the Presidents of the Sections must be approved by the Council.

- c. Members with a common interest in a special field of vegetation science may establish a Working Group. Each Working Group shall have one or two Co-ordinators. Each Working Group and its Co-ordinator(s) must be approved by the Council.
- d. Members with expertise in a special field of vegetation science can form a Committee. The Members of a Committee are appointed by the Council. They shall choose one of their members as Chairperson.
- e. National societies for phytosociology, plant ecology and related fields may be affiliated with the Association following approval by the Council. Members of affiliated societies may participate at scientific meetings of the Association.

## **Donors**

### **Article 5**

1. Donors are those who are admitted as donors by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may terminate donorship by written notice.
2. Donors are obliged to pay a yearly contribution, the minimal size of which is established by the General Assembly. It is also possible to become a life-time donor by paying a single lump sum, the minimal size of which is established by the General Assembly.
3. Donors have only the right to attend the General Assembly, where they have the right of speech but no right of vote.

## **Membership dues**

### **Article 6**

Full members shall pay annual dues. Associate members and honorary members are exempt from paying dues. The annual dues shall be determined by the Council.

## **Council**

### **Article 7**

The Council shall consist of at least 40 members who are elected by ballots sent to all members of the Association. Members of the Council are elected for a term of four years. Members of the Council can be immediately re-elected for up to two consecutive terms. At least 60 candidates for membership in the Council shall be proposed by the general membership.

## **Executive Committee**

### **Article 8**

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of at least three and at most seven members, who shall appoint, from their own membership a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Publication Officer.

2. The Council shall appoint the Executive Committee from its own membership.
3. Members of the Executive Committee can be suspended and dismissed by the General Assembly, with the reasons given. Decisions must be made by a two-thirds majority of the votes.
4. A suspension ends if the General Assembly has not decided on dismissal within three months. The suspended Member of the Executive Committee may defend his/her position in the General Assembly and be assisted by a lawyer.
5. Members of the Executive Committee are elected for a term of four years. Members of the Executive Committee can be immediately re-elected for up to two consecutive terms.
6. If the number of Members of the Executive Committee is reduced to fewer than the number mentioned in sub 1, the Executive Committee is nevertheless authorized to govern the association. The Executive Committee is obliged to ask the Council to fill the vacancies as soon as possible.
7. The articles 11 to 14 included are as far as possible applicable to meetings and decision making of the Council.

#### Article 9

1. The Executive Committee shall be in charge of the daily affairs of the Association.
2. The Executive Committee can, with the previous approval of the General Assembly, enter into agreements concerning the acquisition, alienation or encumbering of registered goods and enter into agreements where the Association is committed as surety or co-debtor, supports a third party or offers security for the debt of somebody else.

#### Article 10

1. The Executive Committee represents the Association.
2. Responsibility for representation may also be assigned to the President, together with the Secretary or the Treasurer, or to the Secretary together with the Treasurer.

### **General Assembly**

#### Article 11

The place where a General Assembly is held shall be determined by the Council.

#### Article 12

1. To the General Assembly are admitted all members of the association who are not suspended and those who are invited by the Executive Committee or the General Assembly. A suspended member has access to the meeting where the decision on his/her suspension is discussed and has the right to speak.

2. Each Member has one vote in the General Assembly, with the exception of suspended members. Members can delegate, in written form, their vote to another member. Each member can cast at most five proxy votes.
3. A unanimous decision of the members of the association, even if not assembled, and if made with the previous knowledge of the Executive Committee, has the same validity as a decision by the General Assembly. Such a decision may be prepared in writing.
4. The President determines voting procedures during the General Assembly.
5. All decisions for which no larger majority is required by the Law or these Statutes, are taken by an absolute majority of votes. If the votes on substantial matters are evenly divided, the proposal is rejected. If the votes on persons are evenly divided, the decision is assigned by lot. If at an election with more than two candidates are involved and none of them has received the absolute majority of votes, voting is repeated between the two persons with the largest numbers of votes, if necessary after an intermediate vote.
6. If fewer than 50 members are present or represented, voting must be by postal ballot.

#### Article 13

1. The General Assembly is presided over by the President, or by the eldest Member of the Executive Council when the President is absent.
2. The opinion of the President about a decision made at the General Assembly is decisive. The same holds for the contents of a decision insofar as this regards a non-written proposal. However, if the opinion of the President is questioned immediately after being expressed, a new vote may be required by the majority of the General Assembly, or by a Member if the vote was not by call or in writing. Through the new vote the consequences of the earlier vote lapse.
3. Minutes of a General Assembly shall be recorded by the Secretary or a person designated by the President. These minutes are established in the same or the next General Assembly and signed by the president and the secretary of that meeting.

#### Article 14

1. The fiscal year of the Association is equal to the calendar year. The General Assembly shall meet at least once a year, within six months after the end of the fiscal year, unless this term has been extended by the General Assembly. During the meeting the Executive Committee submits a report on the past period and on the activities carried out. The Executive Committee also submits a financial balance and a profit and loss account. These documents are signed by the Members of the Executive Committee. If the signature of one or more Members is missing, an explanatory note is appended.
2. If there is no report from an accountant on the reliability of the documents mentioned in sub 1, the General Assembly appoints, yearly, a commission of at least two members who are not Members of the Executive Committee.
3. The Executive Committee is obliged to provide this commission with all information required to show the cash and assets, and to show the financial documents of the Association.

4. The commission investigates the documents mentioned in sub 1 and sub 3.

5. In case special book-keeping expertise is needed, the commission can, at the expense of the Association, ask an expert to assist.

The commission reports to the General Assembly.

#### Article 15

1. General Assemblies are called by the Executive Committee as often as it considers this necessary or according to the Statutes.

2. Upon receipt of a written request from at least 50 Members, the Executive Committee shall call a General Assembly, which shall be held within four weeks after the request has been received. In case the request is not answered within two weeks the requesting Members can call a General Assembly themselves through a letter to all Members at the expense of the Association. In this letter the agenda of the meeting must be included.

3. The General Assembly is called through a written notice to the members with voting right, giving 14 days notice.

#### **Changes in the Statutes**

#### Article 16

1. Changes in the Statutes can only be made through a decision at the General Assembly in the call for which meeting the proposal for changes shall be announced.

2. Those who have issued a proposal shall make the text of the proposal available at a place suitable for the Members for at least five days prior to the end of the day on which the proposal is to be discussed.

3. Changes in the Statutes can only be made by a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes. If fewer than 50 members are present or represented, voting must be by postal ballot.

4. Changes in the Statutes become effective after they have been notarized. Each Member of the Executive Committee is authorized to sign this document.

5. The sub-articles 1 and 2 are not applicable if all members with voting right are present or represented at the General Assembly and the decision on changes in the Statutes is unanimous.

6. After the changes have been inserted, the Executive Committee shall put an authentic copy of the resolution for a change and of the full text of the Statutes at the register of the Chamber of Commerce.

#### **Dissolution**

#### Article 17

1. Article 16 sub 1 - 3 applies to any decision by the General Assembly on dissolution.

2. The General Assembly decides on disposal of the assets of the Association, as far as possible in line with the aims of the Association.
3. The financial settlement is carried out by the Executive Committee
4. After its dissolution the Association continues to exist if this is necessary for the financial settlement. During the settlement the Statutes will continue to apply as far as possible. In documents issued by the Association, the words 'in liquidation' shall be used.
5. The settlement ends when no known assets are left.
6. Documents of the dissolved Association must be kept for ten years after the settlement. They are kept by whoever is designated by those involved in the settlement.

#### **By-laws**

##### Article 18

1. The General Assembly can establish by-laws on topics which are not or not sufficiently covered by these Statutes.
2. By-laws shall not contain clauses which violate the law or these Statutes.
3. Article 16 sub 1, 2 and 5 apply to changes in by-laws as well as their establishment.

#### **Final clause**

##### Article 19

The General Assembly exerts authority in any matters not allocated to other organs by law or the Statutes.

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These Statutes are based on Statutes which have been duly established and adopted at the General Assembly of the IAVS of 11 September 1996 in Lancaster and adopted by the General Assembly of the IAVS of 2 August 2001 in Freising.

Note: The Lancaster version of the above-mentioned Statutes is a thoroughly revised version of the Statutes adopted at the General Assembly held in Prague in 1982, which in their turn are a revised version of the Statutes of the Association Internationale de Phytosociologie (Internationale Vereinigung für Vegetationskunde, International Society for Vegetation Science) as adopted at the meeting of the above society during the International Botanical Congress held at Paris in 1954. The 1954 Statutes formalized the constitution of the society at Marseille in 1939 and its postwar reconstitution at Hilversum in 1947.

## APPLICATION FORM FOR NEW IAVS MEMBERS

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**Address** – including post code and country:

**Tel.** – work; otherwise private:

**Fax** – work; otherwise private:

**E-mail:**

**Website:**

**Date:**

Journal:  None  *Journal of Vegetation Science (JVS)*  *Applied Vegetation Science (AVS)*

Signature:

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