A message from the SIL President and General Secretary-Treasurer

December 2017

Dear SIL members,

Finally! The SIL Proceedings (“Verhandlungen” and SIL Communications “Mitteilungen”) are now available on-line! This is the largest archive of limnological knowledge ever assembled. It retraces the entire history of our discipline, from the pioneering lake classification based on benthic fauna developed by Thienemann (vol. 1, 1923), the early links between nutrient loading and the eutrophication of L. Washington by Edmondson (vol. 14, 1961), Mortimer’s classic essay on lake hydrodynamics (Mitteilungen, 1974), Schindler’s whole-lake experiments (vol. 19, 1975), to Downing’s plea for a more global limnology (vol. 30, 2009). The discussions between the leading limnologists of the day found at the end of many articles (up to the early 1980s) make for a fascinating read. Now available in electronic pdf format, each article is fully searchable and, as we wait for search engines (e.g. Google) to complete their indexing, all the articles will become even easier to find.

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This announcement ends a long process initiated at the SIL Congress in Budapest, when a decision was made to invest in the digitization of the Proceedings. This process included long negotiations, purchase of publication rights from the original publisher (Schweizerbart), finding complete sets of hard copies of the two series (including donations from the library of the Limnological Institute of the University of Konstanz and from individual SIL members for volumes that were out of stock), transport of the hard copies (occupying some 3-running-meters of shelf space) to Taylor and Francis, digitization, and uploading to the *Inland Waters* website. I would like to thank those that have taken part in the process, including:

- David Livingstone – for initiating the process and advancing the negotiations
- Karl-Otto Rothhaupt – for hosting the stock of hard-copies from Schweizerbart, and adding to it many of the missing volumes
- The library of the Limnological Institute of the University of Konstanz, Germany – for donating many missing volumes
- Marry Morris – for donating a missing volume
- Tony Thorp – for making the two inspiring cover pages posted below, one for each series
- Taylor & Francis – for collecting the volumes, scanning and publishing on-line
- And last but not least – Yves Prairie, Jack Jones and Tamar Zohary, for making it all happen.

To be able to have access, we remind all of you to renew your SIL membership for 2018, and encourage your students and early-career colleagues to join SIL.

Sincerely yours,
Tamar Zohary and Yves Prairie
SIL’s webmaster for many years, Gordon Goldsborough from the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Canada, is retiring from webmaster duties. We are all extremely grateful to Gordon for providing excellent long-term service, voluntarily. SIL is in the process of appointing a replacement, to be announced shortly. If you are interested in learning to run a website and help out – please contact Tamar.

Make a habit of visiting the SIL website from time to time at www.limnology.org. News from the SIL board is advertised there. Updates are being recorded there. A link to the website of the 2018 SIL Congress in Nanjing, China, is now active. A new icon on the home page will take you to the archive of the SIL Proceedings (Verhandlungen) and SIL Communications (Mitteilungen). You can now access those archives and download articles after logging in as a SIL member. If you wish your most beautiful lake photos to also be posted on the SIL website homepage, announce of an open position, post a call for candidates to a scholarship, or even advertise that you are looking for a position/scholarship in Limnology - please send your material to Tamar.

SIL’s homepage at www.limnology.org
• Did you know that in many countries you can pay SIL dues from your grants, or your continuing education funds?
• Did you know that being a part of a professional organization/society like SIL looks good on your CV?
• Did you know that SIL has mentors who volunteer to advice students and junior scientists in their limnology work? See details at http://limnology.org/students/sil-mentors/.

I would like to once again invite you to contribute to the online activities of SIL – Facebook and Twitter exchange. The Facebook profile of SIL is becoming more and more popular within the limnological community and some of the post reached more than a thousand views within the first few days after posting. This is the easiest and most convenient way to communicate short messages of immediate importance or to quickly advertise upcoming events. This is also the easiest way to reach more broad audience of limnologists and scientist from other disciplines. However, perhaps the largest advantage of Facebook communicates is that they are available for anyone interested in lake science, global climate changes, environmental and political issues concerning inland waters. Ultimately SIL experts may serve the general public in distinguishing between reliable sources and mere opinions also via Facebook activities (https://www.facebook.com/SIL-The-International-Society-of-Limnology-324986017706390/).

-Maciej Bartosiewicz, SIL Facebook Manager, Basel University, Switzerland

As always, if you change your email address, please let Denise Johnson know.
A second SIL International Student Competition was announced earlier this year, for the best published paper in Limnology appearing as part of a recent Ph.D. or M.Sc. thesis of a SIL member.

The prize: Plenary talk at the 2018 SIL Congress in Nanjing, China with gratis participation.

Stage 1 of the competition (national level) is now reaching its end. A total of 40 applicants from 22 countries entered this first stage. These countries and the number of participants from each are: Algeria (1), Argentina (2), Australia (2), Austria (1), Belgium (1), Brazil (4), Canada (3), China (1), Finland (2), Germany (2), Hungary (1), Israel (2), Italy (1), Japan (1), Korea (1), New Zealand (1), Philippines (2), Poland (2), Spain (4), Sweden (1), The Netherlands (4), UK (1).

By 15 December 2017 each participating country will choose its single best applicant, to be its representative in the second stage (international level) of the competition. Exceptions were countries with more than 50 SIL members that could send 2 competitors. The chosen competitors from those 20 countries will enter the second stage. The competing papers will be sent to an international committee of assessors, who will rank them. The winners (first 3 places) will be awarded at the August 2018 SIL Congress in China.

The awards will consist of one main and two additional prizes, plus merit certificates to all those participating in Stage 2 of the competition:

- The main prize will consist of a certificate and a grant to attend the August 2018 SIL Congress in Nanjing, including registration fee and travel costs. The winning author will be invited to give a Plenary Lecture on his/her winning article.
- The winners of the second and third prizes will receive certificates and grants to cover their congress registration and accommodation. They will present their papers as regular presentations.
- All participants of Stage 2 will receive a certificate and be invited to present their papers (oral or posters).

SIL membership year is by calendar year. Please pay dues at the end of the calendar year for the next calendar year. Pay now for 2018 memberships.

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5) Pay annual dues to your local SIL National Representative, in your local currency. The names and contact details of the SIL NRs that assist in collecting SIL dues are listed on the SIL website at http://limnology.org/national-representatives/

* The least expensive way for transferring money across borders is via PayPal.
Members who paid their dues will have free access to all of SIL’s publications from the SIL website after logging in using their personal username and password. This free access includes *Inland Waters* as well as the past SIL Proceedings (Verhandlungen) and Communications (Mitteilungen).

**34TH SIL CONGRESS IN CHINA**

The XXXIV SIL Congress will be held in Nanjing (Jiangsu Province), China from **19 – 24 August 2018**. We are looking forward to seeing you in China in 2018. For information please check the congress website at (www.sil2018.com).

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**Host city:** Nanjing, the capital of Jiangsu Province, China.

The preparations for the SIL Congress at Nanjing-China in August 2018 are now at full-blast, with the call for Special Sessions open till 15 December. Our president Yves Prairie and our General Secretary-Treasurer Tamar Zohary have returned recently from a short visit to Nanjing, to discuss the details of congress preparations with the Congress Organizer, Zhengwen Liu and the organizing team from NIGLAS, the Nanjing Institute of Geography and Limnology of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and to see the conference venue. They found a team of Chinese researchers and students that are truly dedicated to the task of hosting us all next year in the best possible manner. They also found a fantastic, modern and well-equipped congress center, with comfortable and conveniently located near-by hotels at a range of prices from very affordable, to 5-stars. Today’s Nanjing is a modern city, most street signs, business signs and other posts are written in both Chinese and English, the young generation of Chinese people speak at least some English, the city is well covered by a Metro system. Being in China and witnessing the incredible modernization this developing country has undergone over the last two decades is an amazing experience. They were convinced that this congress will be a great success.
It was decided that as an experiment, during the period 2018-2022 SIL Congresses would be held on a biennial basis (2018, 2020, and 2022).

The 35th SIL congress will be held in Gwangju (South Korea) in 2020. Detailed information will be posted as the schedule is fixed.

The 36th SIL Congress will be held in 2022 in Germany, where the first SIL Congress was held. At this congress SIL will be celebrating 100 years to its establishment. Don’t miss this celebration!

FUTURE CONGRESS PROPOSALS:
Do you want to host a SIL Congress in your country? SIL members who have recommendations or want to make inquiries leading potentially to a proposal for sponsorship of a congress are urged to contact the SIL General Secretary-Treasurer.

The 37th Congress (2024) will be open for bids to be presented at the 2020 congress in South Korea. Note that from now on, countries winning the bid to host a SIL Congress will have to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SIL before their final acceptance as congress hosts. This MoU will clarify the mutual organizational and financial arrangements between SIL and the host.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

If you are organizing a regional or thematic meeting in the intervening years, please consider making SIL a sponsor of your meeting by contacting Yves Prairie or Tamar Zohary.

DONATIONS

We urge you to contribute to our Endowment, General SIL, Student Conference, Tonolli, or Wetzel Funds. The money in these funds is used to sponsor members in a variety of SIL activities. These funds are also tax deductible. SIL will send you a letter of receipt.
**Inland Waters:**

Inland Waters, the peer-reviewed journal of the International Society of Limnology, is now entering its 8th year, with issue 7(3) already published and issues 7(4) and 8(1) in the making. Four print issues are published annually. The journal’s impact factor has been increasing steadily from 1.31 in 2014 to 1.776 in 2015, and to 1.987 in 2016. Also, the ranking of Inland Waters has increased from #8 out of 20 (8/20) in the Limnology category in 2015 to 6/20 in 2016. These are excellent news for our relatively new society journal.

Publication in Inland Waters is not restricted to SIL members, but members are exempt from page charges (first author has to be a member in good standing) whereas non-members are charged USD75/page. Furthermore, SIL members have a substantial discount (close to USD1,000) on the Gold Open-Access price. To view the journal or submit a manuscript, visit the journal website: log-in on the SIL website at www.limnology.org, then click on the icon of Inland Waters on the right.

-John R. Jones, SIL Editor-In-Chief, University of Missouri-Columbia, USA

**SIL news:**

The SIL newsletter updates you on conferences and courses that have taken place, awards given, as well as those scheduled to occur in the near future. It usually features several exciting articles on lakes around the globe, often with exceptional photos. Send your lighter but still fascinating material to Ramesh Gulati, the editor for SIL news.

**SPONSOR A MEMBER**

Some members have generously contributed sufficient funds to sponsor a researcher or student of limnology from countries from which it is difficult to pay our modest membership fee. Please contact the General Secretary-Treasurer for details if you are interested in contributing.

**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO BE A MENTOR?**

Mentors are willing to offer advice to students and junior scientists seeking to publish their research findings, in some of the following ways:

- Screening of data for its suitability for publication
- Advice on a target journal
- Help in preparing a paper together in a constructive and professional atmosphere
- Provide follow-up after the review process
- Advice on career planning

This is a way of helping young people, especially in the developing world, who will really appreciate your advice and wisdom. See more at http://limnology.org/students/sil-mentors/ If you are willing to join this cause, please send your research interests to Denise Johnson (siloffice1922@gmail.com).
The following countries without a national representative and with annual Gross Domestic Products (Gross National Incomes) per capita of US$ 25,000.00 or lower (based on the World Bank list for 2015) will pay 50% of the full rate in U.S. Dollars, by check drawn on an international bank in the USA that is recognized by the Federal Reserve System, by major credit card (Visa or MasterCard), or online at the SIL Website by PayPal:

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