



## **ANNUAL CIRCULAR 2013**

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Commentary from the SIL General Secretary-Treasurer and the President

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Dear Members of SIL.

This year marks the 32nd SIL Congress to be held in Budapest from August 4-9. The web site for the Congress is up and running (www.sil2013.hu) and we hope that many members will take this opportunity, not only of catching up with the latest in limnology, but also of visiting one of the most beautiful of European cities, with a long history, fascinating traditions and wonderful architecture, and not least several World Heritage sites. It is also central for visiting parts of eastern Europe, Austria and the Danube Valley before or after the Congress.

The year also marks the third for publication of 'Inland Waters', which has been superbly managed and edited by Jack Jones and the one in which the journal will enter the lists of citation indices. It will also signify the end of a six-year period of service by the existing President, Vice-Presidents and General Secretary-Treasurer, from whom a new set will take over at the end of the Congress, following elections to be held early in 2013. Please use your votes. The Congress is also the main opportunity to bring about changes in SIL; these are discussed by the International Committee, so please make known to your national representatives any issues that you feel need discussing and resolving. One particular issue is the continued relevance of many (though not all) of the working groups and whether they might be replaced by regional rather than subject-orientated groups.

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The years between Congresses may appear to be relatively uneventful, but much work goes on behind the scenes to keep the organization functioning. SIL maintains contact between Congresses in several ways. First there is SIL News, published electronically twice a year and ably edited by Ramesh Gulati. Somehow he manages to fill it with interesting material despite a certain reticence to write sometimes from those whom he invites. SIL News is an ideal medium for expressing views on limnological matters that are not easily published in the formal journals, and the more adventurous the view, the more interesting the newsletter becomes, so please do not be reticent to send material in. The other way is through associating SIL with other meetings. ASLO, at its meeting at Lake Biwa in Japan, and the 15th International Symposium on River and Lake Environments at Zhangjiajie, China both enfolded SIL in the past year.

There is a worsening global economic situation but we are managing to balance the books despite a vastly reduced interest on our endowments, and have managed to set aside some funds for Tonolli Awards this year. Nonetheless we spend pretty well all our income on the business of maintaining the Journal, the Newsletter and a modest amount of administrative help. Your subscriptions remain our main source of income, so please would you pay them promptly, and, as always, try to recruit new members if you can. There are several ways that you can pay, all explained later in this Circular. Without that income, SIL would cease to exist.

Eventually we hope to generate extra income from institutional subscriptions to *Inland Waters*. Anyone can submit papers; they do not have to come from members or to have been given at a Congress, but we hope that the long tradition of submitting Congress papers will continue. The flow of papers is increasing but we still need members to support the journal as actively as possible, both by submitting papers, and quoting papers that we have published. It is an excellent medium especially for short papers and for Research Briefs, which allow you to draw attention to developing interesting areas and to speculate a little. It is published on-line so that papers appear rapidly, and the design is very attractive. You can also submit longer papers, for which, as with the former Congress Proceedings, we make a modest page charge. Such charges are useful income for the Society.

- -Morten Søndergaard, General-Secretary-Treasurer
- -Brian Moss, President

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Information is available there on awards, committees, jobs, membership, national representatives, publications, statutes and, working groups as well as links to other sites. Visit often, as information is updated regularly by our SIL webmaster, Gordon Goldsborough, University of Manitoba, Canada.

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- 4) Wire transfer through a Western Union (to Denise Johnson in Graham, NC, USA)
- 5) Through your National Representative. Their names are given in the table that shows what the annual subscriptions are each year

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#### **NEW MEETINGS**

SIL resolved at the 31<sup>st</sup> Congress to make links with other societies with a view to organizing or participating in joint meetings. This process has already generated three such meetings, and more are contemplated.

## 32<sup>nd</sup> SIL CONGRESS:

The 32<sup>nd</sup> SIL Congress is in Budapest, Hungary.



#### A Message From Our Congress Organizers:

Dear Colleague,

We are writing to cordially invite you to be part or recommend the 32nd Congress of International Society of Limnology (SIL) that will be held from 4th to 9th of August 2013 in Hungary, Budapest. The shrinking areas of natural freshwater habitats and their low biodiversity make the forthcoming congress of limnologists very important. The difficulties of the present global limnological challenges require putting together our skills and

knowledge of many research disciplines. The scientific committee of the congress chose 33 themes arranged in 6 topics dealing with the following themes:

#### **Biodiversity**

- 1. Molecular biology and taxonomy of aquatic species
- 2. Biodiversity in aquatic ecosystems
- 3. Evolutionary ecology of aquatic organisms

#### **Ecology of Main Groups of Animals and Plants**

- 4. Microbial Ecology
- 5. Plankton Ecology
- 6. Ecology of Harmful Algal Blooms
- 7. Ecology of the benthos
- 8. Ecology of fish and fishery management
- 9. Macrophyte ecology
- 10. Food web interactions in aquatic ecosystems
- 11. Biotic Interactions (other than food web interactions)
- 12. Biological invasions

#### Physical and Chemical Topics

- 13. Physical limnology
- 14. Biogeochemical cycles (including sediment-water interactions)

#### Main Aquatic Ecosystems

- 15. Winter limnology
- 16. Tropical limnology
- 17. Limnology of humic and saline waters
- 18. Wetland and littoral ecology, alternative stable states
- 19. Reservoir ecology
- 20. Ecology of river networks
- 21. Floodplain ecology
- 22. Limnology at regional and global scales

#### Monitoring, Modelling, Intervention

- 23. Catchment impacts, linkages between terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems
- 24. Eutrophication and eutrophication management
- 25. Limnology in the face of global climate change
- 26. Managing and modelling aquatic ecosystems
- 27. Problems and achievements in managing trans-boundary lakes and rivers
- 28. Monitoring and status assessment of aquatic ecosystems

#### Other

- 29. Paleolimnology
- 30. Remote sensing and GIS in limnology
- 31. Hypothesis testing using high frequency time series from aquatic ecosystems
- 32. Emerging issues and concepts in limnology
- 33. Network Science in limnology

The congress organizers are pleased to have Prof. Catherine Pringle to present the Kilham Memorial lecture and Prof. Robert J. Naiman to give the Baldi Memorial lecture. There will be a session for ASLO (Association for the Sciences of Limnology & Oceanography), and the post-congress satellite symposia will be held in eight (8)

other smaller cities of Hungary and will work as a natural extension of the congress themes, dealing with the following topics:

- 1. Wetlands of Hungary
- 2. Fisheries management and aquaculture
- 3. Effect of invasive populations on communities of river valleys: current situation, perspectives, theory and practice.
- 4. Saline lakes.
- 5. Biodiversity, ecosystem preservation and services, ecological processes in rivers, in connection with eutrophication
- 6. Theory and practice deep and shallow paleolimnology.
- 7. Photoautotrophic picoplankton in deep and shallow lakes.
- 8. Use of algal assemblages in ecological status monitoring.

Two of post-congress symposia (the paleolimnological and the picoplankton meetings) will take place on Lake Balaton and its surroundings, so you will have the opportunity to see the largest freshwater lake of Central Europe.

For more details please visit the homepage of the congress (<u>www.sil2013.hu</u>) and please don't forget to register and be part of the most notable limnological event of 2013.

Sincerely yours,

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#### **FUTURE CONGRESSES**

## 33<sup>rd</sup> SIL CONGRESS:

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Congress will be held in Turino, Italy, in 2016.

#### **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 34<sup>th</sup> Congress is open for bids.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **INLAND WATERS:**

Publication in the Journal of the International Society of Limnology is not restricted to SIL members.

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