

NEWSLETTER

INTERNATIONAL HUMIC SUBSTANCES SOCIETY

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ELECTIONS OF IHSS BOARD MEMBERS

Dear Members of IHSS,

my service as IHSS president is getting close to its end and it is time for me to fulfill one of the president's most important duties: the organization of new elections. I urge all of you to vote: your participation to the life and the management of the IHSS is indeed getting more and more important. Thanks to the active contribution of all its Past Presidents, Officers, Committee Members, National Coordinators and Membership the status of the Society has never been so good. Demand for our standard and reference collection is increasing, notwithstanding the worldwide decrease in funding for research and stocks of old samples have been replenished, while new ones of great scientific importance are being incorporated. Excellent national chapters meetings have been organized this year and for the first time they received a contribution by the IHSS to invite from abroad a scientist of their choice to give a keynote lecture. We were particularly delighted to welcome back into activity and give our support to the national chapter of Argentina, who held a successful meeting last June. The IHSS is now able to help students and young researchers to spend a short training period abroad in a laboratory of their choice. The IHSS membership has positively responded to all initiatives and we are really looking forward to an outstanding IHSS-13 conference in Karlsruhe (Germany) next July.

To strengthen the democratic basis of the Society has been a special aim of the Board during the last year. Yona Chen and Paul Bloom were charged by the Board with the compilation of new bylaws aimed at making the running of the society more simple and efficient. The text of the new bylaws is at present under examination by the Board and will be presented to the Membership during the next general assembly in order to get further suggestions for improvement before it is approved by the Membership.

It is therefore important that all of you participate by sending your preferences: in this newsletter you will find the candidates' statements and CVs to help you make your choice. Envelopes with the ballots will be sent to each of you by airmail before December 2004. Please return the ballots to me, in the pre-prepared envelopes, by the deadline of February 15, 2006.

The results will be published in the newsletter and on the website by the end of next February.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Maria De Nobili
President IHSS

ELECTIONS OF IHSS BOARD MEMBERS

Time has come for elections of Vice President, one Board Member and Treasurer of the Society. The following are the positions and the candidates:

Position	Candidates
Vice-President	Patrick G. Hatcher Jerzy Weber
Board member	Gregory Vladimir Korshin Etelka Tombácz Rolf David Vogt
Treasurer	Edward C. Clapp

Enclosed please find the candidates' statements and CV's. Envelopes with the ballots will be sent to each of you by airmail at the beginning of December. After voting for the candidates of your choice, please put the ballots in the blank envelop provided to ensure anonymity and seal the envelop. Please place the closed envelop with the ballots in the pre-prepared addressed envelope and send it by surface or air mail. Remember the ballots must arrive within the fixed deadline of 15th of February, 2006.

Together with the ballots for the next elections you will therefore receive another ballot which will contain a request to agree to a change in Article V, Section 4 of the bylaws. Please express your opinion and put this together with the others in the blank envelope .

The IHSS Board would like to thank the nomination committee, Jerzy Drozd (Poland, Chairman), Deborah Pinheiro Dick (Brazil) and Dan Olk (USA) for their effective search for candidates. We gratefully acknowledge their effort.

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Visit our home page at:

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NEW UPDATES!!!

**Informations on
 FUTURUE CONFERENCES**

Dr. E. M. Perdue coordinates the updating of the IHSS WEB page which is located on the server of the Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA, USA.

Contributions, suggestions and comments regarding the content and organization of the WEB pages are welcome from all IHSS members.

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CHANGE in BYLAWS

Together with the ballots for the next elections you will receive another ballot which will contain a request to agree to a change in **Article V, Section 4** of the bylaws, which will read as follows:

“An officer, except the President, the Vice President/President Elect and the Treasurer, may hold the same office for no more than two (2) additional consecutive terms. No officer, except the Treasurer may serve more than twelve (12) consecutive years on the Board of Directors”.

The old text was:

” An officer, except the President and the Vice President/President Elect, may hold the same office for no more than two (2) additional consecutive terms. No officer may serve more than twelve (12) consecutive years on the Board of Directors”.

The Board of Directors unanimously decided to ask the Membership approval for this change that will allow the Society to avail itself for two more years of the invaluable service of our present Treasurer Dr. Ed Clapp.

TRAINING BURSARIES 2005

Training Bursaries Committee Report

Seven applications were received by the President of IHSS within the announced deadline (15th July 2005). A copy of all applications and letters by supervisors and hosting supervisors was sent by the President to the Training Bursaries Committee which was composed by the President, the Vice President and the Past President of IHSS. The committee after extensive discussion selected the following general criteria for the selection of candidates: a) originality of research program b) CV of student c) quality of hosting institution d) degree of support from hosting institution e) degree of support from supervisor.

The committee unanimously agreed to support the following list of candidates (alphabetic order):

Name	Institution	Host Supervisor	Host Institution
Corrado Giampietro	University of Bologna (Italy)	C. Richard	Blaise Pascal University France
Kristiana Ina	Curtin University (Australia)	J.P. Crouè	University of Poitiers, France
Najat Khalil	Rabat University (Morocco)	M.De Nobili	Udine University, Italy
Said-Pullicino Daniel	University of Perugia (Italy)	G.Guttemberg	Marthin Luther University, Germany
Song Guixue	University of Limerick (Ireland)	A.J. Simpson	University of Toronto, Canada
Zmora-Nahum Sharon	Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel)	B. Marchner	Ruhr University, Germany



The IV Meeting of the Italian Chapter of IHSS
will be held at the University of Perugia
from the 15 to 16th of December 2005.



13th Meeting of the International Humic Substances Society

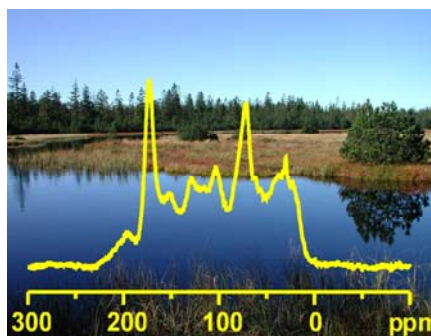
July 30 to August 4, 2006, Universitaet Karlsruhe (TH), Karlsruhe, Germany

Humic Substances – Linking Structure to Functions

The 13th Meeting of the International Humic Substances Society (IHSS) will be held in Karlsruhe, Germany following the conferences in Sao Pedro, Brazil (2004), Boston, USA (2002) and Toulouse, France (2000). Scientists, engineers and ecologists are invited to use this forum for intensive discussions of the recent findings in the field of humic and natural organic matter. The meeting will be held on the campus of the Universitaet Karlsruhe (TH).

Contribution to the following main topics of humic and natural organic matter research are most welcome:

- New analytical aspects
- Biological aspects and transformation
- Ecological aspects and genesis
- Physico-chemical aspects
- Applications



Important Deadlines

01 Dec. 2005	Deadline for submission of abstracts
until 01 Dec. 2005	Immediate registration payment
01 Mar. 2006	Notification of acceptance of abstracts
until 15 Mar. 2006	Early registration payment
until 15 Jul. 2006	Deadline for registration payment *

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