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From the Desk of the Executive Director

Due to some unexpected delays in getting this year's *Keeping in Touch* newsletter organized, we are distributing it several months later than is typically the case. Since we are now several weeks past the beginning of the new year, I hope that everyone who receives this has experienced a good start to 2009, particularly in light of the economic uncertainties facing universities, agencies, and firms where many IASNR members are employed. If nothing else, these circumstances have made clear the many ways in which the global economy influences the lives and well-being of people in all corners of the world. In this context,



Richard S. Krannich

our concerns about and efforts to reinvigorate economies, to promote sustainable development and resource uses, to address environmental concerns, and to enhance levels of individual and community well-being simply must incorporate an international perspective. As an organization that has always promoted both interdisciplinary and international perspectives, the International Association for Society and Natural Resources is well-positioned to foster the kinds of research and application needed to address these challenges into the future.

The past year has been one of considerable accomplishment and substantial change for IASNR. The ISSRM 2008 conference was extremely successful, attracting attendance by approximately

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It's Time to Renew Your IASNR Membership for 2009!

All current and past IASNR members are encouraged to renew their memberships for 2009 using our on-line membership renewal and membership management system. Just go to the IASNR web site, www.iasnr.org, and click on the "members" button at the top of the main page. This will take you to the membership management page, where you can renew your membership (or establish a new membership) on-line. All on-line membership transactions are processed via credit card payment through a secure PayPal account established by IASNR specifically for this purpose. Although we do still accept membership payments through the mail (an application form can be downloaded at the bottom of the website membership page), we strongly encourage use of the on-line system both because it is highly secure and because it will substantially speed the processing of your journal

subscription and your access to other member benefits.

To minimize delays in receiving the initial 2009 issues for your subscription to *Society and Natural Resources*, please be sure to submit your membership renewal information right away if you have not done so previously. Although those who renew late (and whose membership classification includes a journal subscription) will still receive all ten issues of *SNR* as one of the benefits of IASNR membership, a delay in renewing or initiating your membership will inevitably lead to delays in subscription fulfillment. Also, since a current IASNR membership is required for participation in the International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM) conference to be held this July in Vienna, Austria,

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Please Join Us at ISSRM 2009 – Vienna, Austria, July 5-8!

The 15th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM) will be hosted by the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences (BOKU) in Vienna, Austria, during the first week of July of this year. The conference will follow the theme “*Meet Old and New Worlds in Research, Planning and Management.*” As such, the emphasis will be on:

- discussing methodological traditions versus pragmatic solutions,
- exploring cultural and political influences on planning and decision making processes, and
- addressing the trans-disciplinary and trans-boundary character of research and management.

Submission deadlines are **January 20, 2009**, for coordinated session proposals and **March 16, 2009**, for scientific paper and poster abstracts. Late submissions after these deadlines may be accepted, space permitting. For abstract submission and conference registration, please go to <http://www.issrm09.info>.



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Plenary and concurrent sessions will take place from Monday, July 6, through Wednesday, July 8, at the Austria Center Vienna. The conference will kick off with a **welcome reception** on the evening of Sunday, July 5, at Vienna City Hall. Monday's sessions will close out with an **Austrian wine tasting** hosted by BOKU University in its traditional halls. The final highlight of the conference will be a gala **dinner** at the historic Palais Liechten-



stein as a special closed event for ISSRM delegates. Prior to dinner, we will have an opportunity to view the private art collection of the palace.

As in previous years, a **pre-conference student forum** will be held on Sunday, July 5, at the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences. Students are encouraged to attend this pre-symposium session where they can share research experiences, network with others, and focus on career development opportunities. Building on the strength of student involvement at prior ISSRM meetings, the 2009 symposium will also feature a “Quiz Bowl” competition.

Three **post-conference field trips** will be offered of one to three days duration. All trips provide insights into resource management issues typical for Central Europe, such as protected areas management in developed landscapes with centuries of traditional land uses. The two-day trip will offer opportunities for leisurely and more exciting recreation activities (hiking, rafting), while the

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Future ISSRM Conference Sites

The 2010 International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM) will be held June 6-10, 2010, in Corpus Christi, Texas, at the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel. The conference location is on the shore of the Gulf of Mexico, in close proximity to the Padre Island National Seashore. ISSRM 2010 will be hosted by Sam Houston State University. For more information, contact Organizing Committee Chair Dr. Gene Theodori (glt002@shsu.edu).

ISSRM 2011 will be held June 13-17, 2011, at the Sutera Harbor Resort in Sabah, Malaysia. This will be the first time that an ISSRM conference is held in an Asian location! The conference will be hosted by the University of Malaysia Sabah. For more information, contact Organizing Committee Chair Dr. Fadzilah Majid Cooke (Fadzilah@ums.edu.my).

We are currently considering a possible North American site for ISSRM 2012, and hope to be prepared to announce the 2012 conference site by the time of the ISSRM 2009 conference in Vienna.



Marina Skyline - Corpus Christi

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three day trip will emphasize the cultural, historic, and culinary delights associated with regional development.

During the three days of meetings in Vienna, programs for accompanying persons will be offered in the city.

Efforts to "green" ISSRM will continue with the 2009 conference. All conference participants and accompanying persons will get a free 3-day pass to the public transport system of Vienna. Including local foods into the conference menus and recycling will also be carefully incorporated into the conference.



**Join us for the
2009 ISSRM in
Vienna, Austria,
on July 5-8!**

**Vienna is waiting
for you!**

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renewing your membership now will make it simpler to take care of conference registration.

The annual membership cost for professional members is \$100 per year. Membership dues for students who wish to receive a subscription to *Society and Natural Resources* are \$60 per year, while the "student- no journal" membership rate is \$35 per year.

Please feel free to contact the IASNR business office if you have any questions. We value your involvement with IASNR, and we look forward to hearing from you and processing your membership renewal!



ISSRM 2009
July 5 - 8, Vienna, Austria
BEST STUDENT PAPER AWARDS—CALL FOR PAPERS

If you are a Ph.D., Master's, or undergraduate student, you are invited to submit a paper for consideration of the "Best Student Paper Awards" to be presented at the 15th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM) in Vienna, Austria, July 5th – 8th, 2009. The author of the best paper written by a Ph.D. student will win a \$300 cash award, an award plaque, and \$125 in gift certificates for Taylor and Francis Ltd. books/products. The author of the best paper written by a Master's or undergraduate student will win a \$200 cash award and \$125 in gift certificates. Taylor and Francis Ltd. have provided the funds for these awards.

How to win

Your paper must address issues pertaining to the social sciences of natural resources. Papers based on empirical studies and data are preferred but review articles and thought pieces will be considered. If your paper is judged to be the best of the submissions, you will win for your respective category (Ph.D. or Master's/Undergraduate).

Papers will mainly be judged based on:

1. Advancement of knowledge
2. Significance of the topic for society and natural resource management concerns
3. Quality and implementation of the research (if applicable)
4. Analysis and interpretation of the findings (if applicable)
5. Clarity and organization of the writing



General requirements

1. The student must attend and present the paper at the 15th ISSRM conference.
2. The student must be a member of the IASNR at the time the paper is submitted.
3. Papers may be co-authored with another student, but not a faculty member.

Paper requirements

1. Papers cannot exceed 25 pages (inclusive of title, abstract, body of the text, list of references, tables, and figures). Papers longer than the 25 page maximum will not be read (strictly enforced).
2. All pages must be double-spaced; 12-point font; and have 1 inch margins on all sides.
3. The paper can follow the Chicago or American Psychological Association or American Sociological Association formatting style.
4. Paper must not have been previously presented at a professional conference or published in a proceeding, book, or journal.

Submission procedures and deadlines

By the deadline stated on the conference website, submit an abstract for an oral presentation of a scientific paper. In addition, send via email a copy of your abstract and a letter of intent to submit a full paper to Dr. Gene Theodori at gtheodori@shsu.edu. When submitting the abstract and letter of intent, please include your name, institutional affiliation, mailing address, telephone number, and email. All submissions must be accompanied by a letter or email from a faculty advisor or department chair addressed to Dr. Theodori certifying your student status.

By **March 15, 2009**, a completed paper should be emailed as an attachment to gtheodori@shsu.edu.

Award recipients will be notified by **May 1, 2009**.

Additional information about the 15th ISSRM conference can be found at www.issrm09.info. For information on the International Association for Society & Natural Resources (IASNR) and a membership application, please visit the IASNR website at <http://www.iasnr.org>.

University of Vermont Hosts 2008 ISSRM

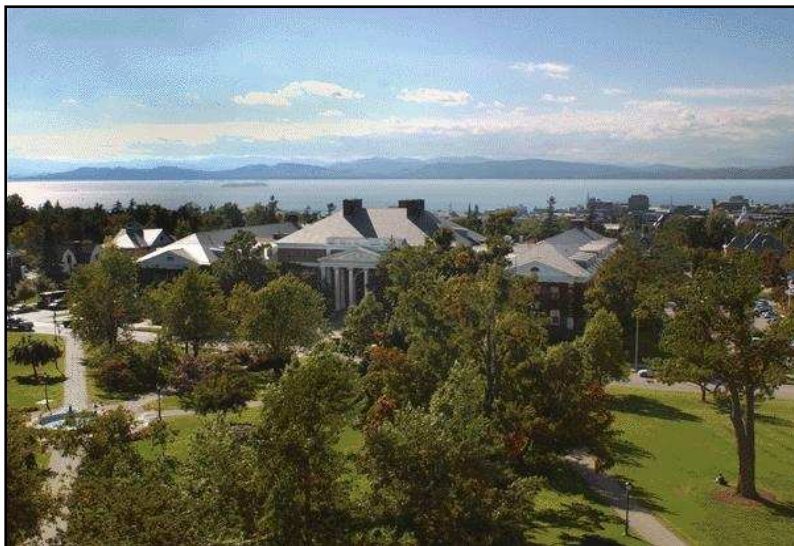
The 14th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM) was hosted by the University of Vermont and its Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources on June 10-14, 2008. This was the first time ISSRM has been held in New England, and the symposium took advantage of this location to explore the region's long history of human-environment relationships by adopting the theme of "People and Place: Linking Culture and Nature." Nearly 700 people from almost 30 countries gathered in Burlington, Vermont, to advance the application of social science to environmental and natural resources issues. Representation came from North and South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Pacific region.

The symposium was organized by an Executive Committee comprised of Bob Manning and Pat Stokowski of UVM and Morgan Grove of the US Forest Service's Burlington research station. Logistics were capably handled by Laura Anderson, Symposium Coordinator. Major sponsors included UVM, its Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources, the US Forest Service, and the National Park Service.

The symposium planning team worked hard to continue the growing ISSRM tradition of being a "green" meeting. Most of the symposium was held in the UVM Davis Student Center and housing was provided at the University Heights Student Residential Complex. Both buildings are recipients of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. Symposium participants followed Vermont's progressive recycling practices and Clif Bar calculated the CO₂ emissions generated during the meeting and made a generous contribution to Vermont company NativeEnergy to offset this impact.

...ISSRM advanced the application of social science to environmental and natural resources issues; encouraged participation by graduate students

Major programmatic elements of the symposium included four plenary sessions, three and a half days of concurrent sessions, and a poster session. The symposium opened with a panel discussion on the recent National Park Service publication "Stewardship Begins with People: An Atlas of Places, People, and Handmade Products," and all symposium participants were given a copy of the report. Panelists included Rolf Diamant, Superintendent of Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, John Debo, Superintendent of Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Tomas Ruzicka, Program Director of the Czech Environmental Partnership Foundation, and Nora Mitchell,



View from the University of Vermont campus, site of ISSRM 2008.

Director of the National Park Service Conservation Study Institute. Other keynote speakers included Adrian Benepe, Commissioner of New York Department of Parks and Recreation, who spoke about building a sustainable future in the city, former Vermont Governor Madeline Kunin, who addressed environmental issues, gender, and politics, and Kesha Ram, a recent graduate of UVM and president of the Student Government Association, who spoke about the future of society and natural resources. The concurrent and poster sessions included presentation of 450 papers and 50 posters addressing a broad array of topics.

Like all ISSRMs, the symposium encouraged participation by graduate students. Forty students received registration scholarships and another ten students served as conference volunteers in exchange for a conference fee waiver. Scholarship winners and volunteers served as concurrent session moderators and could be clearly spotted in bright gold ISSRM tee-shirts donated by the UVM Bookstore. About 50 graduate students arrived on campus a day early to participate in the second annual Student Forum. During the Forum, students learned about grant writing, the publishing process, balancing a budget, and talking with the media, among other topics.



Winners of the first Student Quiz Bowl. From left: Logan Park, Nathan Reigner, Karen Hockett, and Jeremy Wimpey, from the Virginia Tech team.

ISSRM 2008 also featured the first Student Quiz Bowl. Teams of four graduate students from five universities (Clemson, Virginia Tech, University of Wisconsin, Cornell, ...continued on page 9

Congratulations to the ISSRM 2008 Student Paper Award Winners!

The 2008 ISSRM conference in Burlington included recognition of two graduate students whose papers were selected for recognition in the ISSRM Best Student Papers awards competition.

The Best Doctoral Student Paper award went to **Michael L. Dougherty**, a PhD student in Development Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Michael's paper was titled "Veins and Chains: Materiality, Policy and Community in Guatemalan Gold."

In addition, Honorable Mention recognition in this competition was extended to **Tinelle D. Bustam**, who is completing a PhD in Health and Human Performance with a specialization in Natural Resource Recreation at the University of Florida. Tinelle's paper was titled "Understanding Place Attachment: Perceptions of Wilderness Designation."



*Michael
Dougherty*

*University of
Wisconsin-
Madison*



Tinelle Bustam

*University of
Florida*

***Congratulations to both Michael
and Tinelle on a job well-done!***

New IASNR Student Affairs Committee (SAC)

During the six years that have passed since the International Association for Society and Natural Resources was established, we have worked hard to insure that students will encounter multiple opportunities to be engaged in the activities of the association and in our annual ISSRM conferences. At its meeting during the ISSRM 2008 conference last June, members of the IASNR Council voted unanimously to approve the creation of a new committee that will further promote student activities and interests.

The new IASNR Student Affairs Committee (SAC) aims to increase student involvement and membership in the association, enhance the student experience at the International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM), and contribute to professional development of students. Members of the SAC are now working closely with organizers of the ISSRM 2009 conference

in Vienna to incorporate student activities, including the highly-successful Student Forum that will occur immediately prior to the start of the conference and a repeat of the Quiz Bowl competition conducted for the first time at ISSRM 2008 in Burlington.

SAC co-chairs are Stephanie Malin and Carena van Riper. Together, Stephanie and Carena have organized a committee involving a total of ten student members of IASNR, representing four different nations. Stephanie, the elected student representative to the IASNR Council, can be reached at stephanie.malin@aggiemail.usu.edu. Carena, who organized the Quiz Bowl activities at ISSRM 2008 in Burlington and took the lead in proposing creation of a student affairs committee, can be reached at cvanripe@uvm.edu.

New Co-Editors for *Society and Natural Resources*

Following three years of service as co-editors of *Society and Natural Resources*, **Matt Carroll and Steve Hollenhorst** have handed responsibilities for the journal off to a new editorial team. On behalf of all IASNR members, and all who have published in or made use of articles appearing in *SNR* over the past three years, we want to extend a sincere “thank you” to both **Matt and Steve** for their outstanding efforts to sustain and improve the quality of *SNR* during their terms as co-editors. We have all benefited greatly from their work on our behalf.

The new co-editors, **Troy Hall (University of Idaho, USA)** and **Thomas Beckley (University of New Brunswick, Canada)** assumed full responsibility for *SNR* beginning in July, 2008, and their names began to appear at the masthead of the journal beginning with the first issue in Volume 22 (January, 2009). **Patricia**

Cohn (Washington State University), who worked tirelessly with Matt Carroll and Steve Hollenhorst during their time at the helm, has graciously agreed to provide continuity in journal operations by remaining in place as Assistant Editor. Thanks to **Troy, Tom, and Patricia** for stepping up and helping to insure that *SNR* continues to move forward as one of the top interdisciplinary journals in both the environmental sciences and social sciences arenas.

As a reminder, all manuscript submissions to *SNR* occur electronically via the Manuscript Central website, <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/usnr>.

General correspondence or questions should be directed to the Editors-in-Chief via email (snr@unb.ca).

2008 IASNR Council Election Results

IASNR members had the opportunity in 2008 to elect representatives to fill six seats on the association’s Council – five representing “professional member” seats (filled for four-year terms), and one representing the “student member” seat (filled for a two-year term). The five individuals selected to fill seats in the professional member category are:

- **Matt Carroll** (Washington State University, USA, re-elected for a second term),
- **Joan Brehm** (Illinois State University, USA, re-elected for a second term),
- **Kathy Halvorsen** (Michigan Technological University, USA),
- **Maria Nijnik** (The Macaulay Institute, Scotland, UK), and
- **Jim Absher** (U.S. Forest Service, USA).

Stephanie Malin, a doctoral student in Sociology at Utah State

University (USA), was elected to fill the student member seat on the Council.

As we welcome these new members to the IASNR Council, we also want to express our sincere appreciation to four former Council members whose terms ended in 2008. **Deborah Chavez (U.S. Forest Service)**, **Sarah Lloyd (University of Wisconsin)**, **Arthur Mol (Wageningen University)**, and **Jerry Vaske (Colorado State University)** all provided outstanding service and leadership during their terms as council members. On behalf of the entire IASNR membership, we want to take this opportunity to thank **Debbie, Sarah, Arthur, and Jerry** for their help and hard work over the past several years, and for their continued commitment to IASNR. Although their council responsibilities are now behind them, we will continue to find new ways to call on each of them in the coming years!

Free Employment Listings and Announcements on IASNR Website

As a service to its members and the professional community, IASNR provides free listings of professional employment openings, graduate assistantships and fellowships, conference announcements, and other professional opportunities on the IASNR website (www.iasnr.org). These items are contained in two web-

site pages that can be accessed via the buttons at the top of the main page – one labeled “Professional Opportunities” and one labeled “Announcements.” If you have material that you wish to have considered for listing, please contact the IASNR business office (IASNR@psu.edu).

IASNR Executive Director Transition in 2009

Rick Krannich's term as IASNR Executive Director will come to an end in July, 2009, at the time of the ISSRM 2009 conference in Vienna. As specified in the IASNR Constitution and Bylaws, the Executive Director's term of office is fixed at four years, and is non-renewable. The Constitution and Bylaws also



A.E. Luloff

specify that the Executive Director is to be selected from among the currently-seated, elected membership (professional category) of the IASNR Council, and that the Council has the responsibility for making that selection.

At its June 2008 meeting, the IASNR Council initiated a process for nomination and selection of the next Executive Director in a manner consistent with these requirements.

Nominations were solicited from all council members immediately following the ISSRM 2008 conference in Burlington, with an August 1 deadline for submission of nominations. Three individuals were nominated by their fellow Council

members as potential candidates for the Executive Director position. However, two of the nominees responded by indicating that they did not wish to be considered as a candidate for the position. Members of Council were then polled regarding the acceptability of the single nominee who did agree to stand as a candidate for the position.

As a result of this process, the IASNR Council voted overwhelmingly in support of designating **Al Luloff** (The Pennsylvania State University, and currently IASNR Secretary/Treasurer) as the next Executive Director of the International Association for Society and Natural Resources. Al's four-year term as Executive Director will begin in July, immediately following the closing activities at the ISSRM 2009 conference.

On behalf of the IASNR Council and all members of the association, congratulations to Al for his selection to fill this important leadership position – and a heartfelt thanks for his willingness to do so!

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700 people from nearly thirty countries. The University of Vermont and its Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources provided an excellent venue and outstanding meeting facilities for the conference, and attendees had ample opportunity to enjoy many dining and night life attractions available in Burlington. On behalf of all IASNR members, I want to express a sincere "thank you" to ISSRM 2008 organizing committee members Bob Manning, Pat Stokowski and Morgan Grove, and to symposium coordinator Laura Anderson, for working very hard to create an outstanding conference experience for all who took part!

During 2008 there were several changes to the leadership of IASNR, and more changes are just around the corner. As is detailed elsewhere in this newsletter, the terms of four IASNR council members ended in 2008 and four new council members were elected following a vote by IASNR members. New co-editors were selected to take the reins of our flagship journal, *Society and Natural Resources*. The ISSRM site selection committee reviewed options for the location of ISSRM 2011, and selected an international site in a region of the world where we have not previously held our annual conference. In addition, the IASNR council approved the creation of a new student affairs committee that will help coordinate the in-

volvement of student members in association activities and in annual conference planning. The council also moved forward with the process of designating our organization's next Executive Director, in anticipation of the rapidly-approaching (and much anticipated!) completion of my term of office.

As you read through the remainder of this newsletter, I especially encourage you to pay close attention to the section focusing on plans for the ISSRM 2009 conference, which will be held during July 5-8 in Vienna, Austria. After visiting Vienna several months ago and touring the city and the facilities where the symposium will be held, I am certain that ISSRM 2009 will provide extraordinary professional as well as cultural experiences for all who attend. I hope to see you there!

Finally, if you have not yet renewed your IASNR membership for 2009, please remember to do so soon! We value your involvement in our organization, and look forward to working over the coming year to make IASNR stronger and more effective in meeting your needs and those of all of our members.

IASNR Mentor Program

About 40% of respondents to a 2006 IASNR member survey indicated a willingness to act as a mentor to a new professional or student member of the organization.

The purpose of the mentor program is to link students and new professionals with experienced IASNR members so that people early in their careers can get advice and assistance from a more experienced professional. Participation may also assist people with study or career decisions.

We ask that those who participate in this program as mentors and mentees or protégées commit to respecting each other's time and effort and not unduly tax each other. Mentor pairs may wish to correspond via email or telephone. They might also wish to meet while attending the annual ISSRM conference or other conferences. These choices are left to the participants.

As this is a new program, we would appreciate feedback from participants on how it is working and any suggestions for improvement. Please email IASNR membership committee member Kathy Halvorsen (kehalvor@mtu.edu) with positive com-

ments and/or constructive criticisms of this program – your input will help us improve this program.

If you are willing to volunteer to be a mentor or would like to be mentored by an IASNR member, please fill out the appropriate form on page 10 and return it to Kathy Halvorsen via mail (address below) or complete and email the form to her (kehalvor@mtu.edu).

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209 AOB Social Sciences
1400 Townsend Drive
Michigan Technological University
Houghton MI 49931-1295

Contact Kathy via email or at (906) 487-2824 if you have any questions.

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and Utah State) competed in the event which was moderated by ISSRM founder Don Field. UVM graduate student Carena Van Riper served as principal organizer of the Student Forum and Student Quiz Bowl.

Other important components of the symposium included a Teaching Tools Workshop, the Social Impact Assessment Course, an Environmental Film Series, an International Association for Society and Natural Resources (IASNR) new members meeting, an IASNR business meeting, and several other business meetings. A number of social events allowed for networking and informal interactions among participants. An opening reception and a poster session reception featured foods from Vermont and other locations around the world, and an Awards Barbeque Dinner was held on the last night.

The symposium program and photos are posted on the website at www.ISSRM2008.org. At the final plenary session, Professor Ulrike Probstl, of Austria's University of Applied Life Sciences made a presentation about the 15th ISSRM which will be held on July 5-8, 2009 in Vienna, Austria. The website for the symposium is www.issrm09.info. See you in July!



Symposium participants catch up with colleagues and share research findings during the Poster Session and Reception.

IASNR Mentor Volunteer/Mentoring Request Information Forms

MENTOR VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Your contact information:

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

1) Would you prefer to mentor (please check one) a:

- ☐ student
☐ new professional
☐ no preference

2) What is your current job title? _____

3) If there is any information that you think would be helpful in matching you with an individual, please write it here: _____

The Membership Committee will contact you if we have a matching individual for you to mentor.

Thank you for your willingness to help!

MENTORING REQUEST INFORMATION

Your contact information:

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

1) If you hold a professional position, what is your current job title? _____

2) If you are a student, what is your major and degree program? _____

3) Please briefly describe your professional and/or research interests:

4) Please briefly describe your career goals (for instance, do you want to work as a manager in a public agency? Work as a researcher or college faculty member?):

5) Please briefly describe your goals for partnering with a mentor:

If there is any other information that you think would be helpful in matching you with a mentor, please feel free to write it on a separate sheet of paper.

The Membership Committee will contact you if we are able to find a mentor match for you.

IASNR Council Meeting Minutes

Burlington, VT - June 12, 2008

Attendees: Matt Carroll, Linda Kruger, Rick Krannich, Joan Brehm, Jim Absher, Angela Mertig, Rich Stedman, Tom Beckley, Debbie Chavez, Kathy Halvorsen, Sarah Lloyd, Troy Hall, Jean Magnum, Carena van Riper (UVM graduate student), Al Luloff

Rick Krannich opened the meeting at 5:05 pm.

Linda Kruger moved to approve minutes from last Council meeting; Joan Brehm seconded; approved unanimously.

Executive Director Report – Rick Krannich

1. SNR Editor Search Committee – Vaske/Brehm/Carroll
 - Tom Beckley and Troy Hall nominated and endorsed as incoming co-editors of SNR
 - Appreciation extended to committee for their efforts

2. Council Election Results

<u>Terms ended</u>	<u>Elected to New Terms</u>
Mol	Brehm – 2nd 4 year term
Vaske	Carroll – 2nd 4 year term
Chavez	Nijnik – Scotland – 4 year term
Lloyd	Absher – 4 year term
	Malin – student 2 year term
	Halvorsen – 4 year term

Appreciation extended to Nominations Committee – Mertig/Mangum/Lloyd – for organizing slate of candidates.

3. Report from ISSRM Site Selection Committee – Kruger/Haider/Luloff/Krannich

- 2010 – Corpus Christi, TX (Gene Theodori, organizer)
- 2011 – Malaysia (Fadzilah Cooke, organizer)

4. Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Al Luloff

5. Discussion of possible awards to IASNR members from association funds and future endowment earnings:

- Joan Brehm – Early career awards?
- Tom Beckley – If successful, bigger amounts to support grad travel to international meetings

No action taken; issue to be revisited in future council meetings

6. SNR Editors' Report – Matt Carroll

- 277 vs. 181 new submissions – 5 year average of 158
- Faster turnaround via Manuscript Central
- Increased acceptance rate, 35.8% to 38.9%
- Increased rate of acceptance related to 1) International papers and 2) reject and resubmit

- 1 year backlog on accepted manuscripts
 - a) Taylor & Francis – on-line “first” acceptance possibly acceptable
 - b) Thicker 10 issues one option; possible move to 12 issues/year
- Multiple special issue requests have been received
 - One special issue on table “Local Impact of Global Climate Changes”
 - Rick has shared with co-editors a formal statement on/about special issues drafted by Fred Buttel several years ago
- Matt highlighted contributions of Assistant Editor Patricia Cohn, not in attendance; more of SNR funding could be transferred to Troy & Tom; Council approved presentation of a plaque to Patricia to indicate our appreciation for her efforts and contributions
- Tom Beckley raised questions about possible efforts to increase international visibility of journal with international associate editor, and about possibly boosting submissions in other categories as opposed to general research articles.
- Rick suggested the co-editors draft something about this and we will put it out via email for reaction from council members.
- Tom suggested they may want to relook at categories – synthesis pieces, e.g.

7. Membership Committee Report – Kathy Halvorsen and Debbie Chavez

- Successful and valuable mentor program over the past year
- Limited attendance at new member meeting; timing of these at future conferences needs to be in the first day or so of meetings

New Proposals and Action Items

1. Sarah Lloyd – introduced request to form a Student Affairs Committee; proposal discussed by Carena van Riper
 - Committee of students (10) and chair – maybe the student representative to council
 - Carena – student forum and quiz bowl activities depend on loyal, active students; having a committee would help this
 - Brehm – student participation is an asset to IASNR – she likes the idea – council rep should chair
 - Rick – suggested it would make sense to have council student be co-chair; with another student also designated as co-chair

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- Motion by Lloyd; seconded by Carroll; all voted in favor of creating Student Affairs Committee continued on page
2. Request for allocation of an operation budget to support activities of IASNR executive director and secretary/treasurer for activities related to IASNR, including:
- Pre-conference planning meetings in Vienna 11/08
 - Pre-conference planning meetings in Malaysia, at least one person needs to go visit sometime during 2010
- Joan, Matt, Linda, Jean – all spoke to support it, especially with international venues
- Rick suggested an operation budget for executive director not to exceed \$2,500 per year
- Joan motioned; Linda second; unanimous vote in support of motion
3. Planning for implementation of on-line membership directory
- Membership renewal form will need to include provisions that allow folks to opt out from having information listed and accessible
 - No guaranteed way to make it completely secure so that only members can access
- Matt – phone, address, or email address
- Kathy – keyword list
- Joan – could use similar forms as used by journals
4. Discussion of pending transition in Executive Director position
- Rick's term will end 7/09; constitution and bylaws require selection of an executive director from among the currently seated members of the IASNR Council
 - Although in the future we may want to reconsider the way in which this position is filled and who can stand as candidates, for now we must proceed as per current by-laws
 - Rick will be recipient of nominations for Executive Director. If he gets only 1 nomination, he will consult with council members regarding acceptability of that nominee. If more than 1 nominee, then a confidential vote process will be implemented
 - August 1 deadline for nominations; 9/15 deadline for votes on candidates(s)



IASNR Business Meeting Minutes Burlington, Vermont - June 12, 2008

1) Rick Krannich started the meeting at 12:08 – no quorum – an open member session not limited to just a few members

- He began with thanks to the conference organizing committee only Pat Stokowski was present so he thanked her. Noted there were about 650 participants/registrants at the symposium
- He reminded everyone of council meeting in S Bldg 433
- The role of this meeting is to update membership on what IASNR has been doing over the past year
- Discussion of council election – six seats open: Lloyd, Chavez, Mohl, Brehm, Carroll, Vaske
- Election competitive – only downside is roughly 25% voted
- Terms ending – Chavez (4 year term); Vaske (2 + 4 yr. term); Mohl (2 + 4 Yr. Term); Lloyd (student rep. – 2 year term)
- Elected to council – Brehm and Carroll – each for a second 4 year term; initial four-year terms for Absher (USFS); Halvorsen (MI Tech); Nijnik (The Macaulay Institute, Scotland); two year term for Malin (USU doctoral candidate)
- Discussion of future ISSRM Conferences – 2009, Vienna, Austria, July 5-8; Ulrike Probstl, Chair, BOKU University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences
- Need to open website early to book flights
- Conference will be combined with three day excursions to receive cheaper flight costs

2) Al Luloff, Wolfgang Haider, Linda Kruger – Site Selection Committee

- ISSRM 2010 – meeting to be held in Corpus Christi, Texas, June 6-10, 2010, at the Omni Hotel
- ISSRM 2011 – meeting in Sabah, Malaysia in June 2011
- Rick pointed out these choices are intentional, conscious choices/selections to look at international venues especially where we have not been previously
- Committee has been discussing Latin America
- Call for hosting 2012 sessions in North America – decided by next year

3) Appreciation to SNR editorial team; Rick thanked Matt Carroll, Steve Hollenhorst, and Patricia Cohn for their excellent work. They transitioned the journal to an online system, moved papers coming in for review to double what we had six years ago.

Introduced Troy Hall and Tom Beckley as new editors, and thanked editorial search committee members Vaske, Brehm, Carroll for successful effort to identify new SNR editors.

Matt Carroll – Began with thanking Patricia Cohn for service as SNR Assistant Editor

- Over last 18 months “webcentral” introduced; only a few manuscripts submitted through old paper/email system; 277 submissions this year compared to 182 previous year and rough 5-year average of 158
- Slight increase in acceptance rate with webcentral – to 38.9% – maybe tied to “reject and resubmit” and maybe tied to effort

to increase international submissions

- Challenges – want more submissions – need coeditors – 10 requests for special issues this year – decided that editorial team picks the special topic
- Local dimensions of global climate change a possible next special issue
- Need associate editors with skills and talent to address international papers – substantive and geographic

Troy Hall – Excited, a bit intimidated but ready to take this work on and use Associate Editors to help move the review process. Concern about having a backlog of accepted papers that will last for more than one year

Tom Beckley – Thanked the committee for selecting them – they got good advice from Carla and indicated Sally Atwater would be their Assistant Editor. Paid kudos to Matt and Steve – they will be transitioning over the next several weeks, but mast head will not change until January. Noted that Taylor & Francis shoots for 20% acceptance rate

4) Al Luloff gave 2008 Treasurer’s Report (attached)

Rick – commented on the need to think about how money is being used and how it will be used in the future

5) Student Paper Committee – Gene Theodori (Angela Mertig, Sharon Todd, Sue Moore). Gene has been chairing this committee for five years now and will do it one more time (Vienna). This year’s numbers of submissions down – seven PhDs and 2 MS – Michael Daugherty (UWM) winner and Tinelle Bustam (UFL) honorable mention

6) Rick thanked Carena van Riper for serving as coordinator of the student forum and the student quiz bowl activities (grad – UVM) and upwards of 50 volunteers

7) Kathy Halvorsen – reported on the creation and participation in the ISSRM mentor program

- Membership directory
- New member meeting before banquet

8) Rick announced HD.GOV is looking for beta sites

9) Open Forum discussion items:

- Tom Beckley– Life long memberships may be worth considering
- Al Luloff – IASNR Fellows – possible way to recognize long-term contributors
- Carena van Riper – Suggested a Mentor program participants luncheon

IASNR Treasurer's Report

Burlington, Vermont - June 12, 2008

During the past year, we successfully completed the transfer of all IASNR operations to a central location at PSU. In the process, our offices at PSU, which are very capably run by Susan Thompson, have accomplished the following things:

- (1) Maintained desktop access to IASNR accounts and newly established ISSRM accounts;
- (2) Began work with the extant Taylor and Francis database;
- (3) Worked with Laura Anderson (University of Vermont), Lorien Belton (Utah State University), and Paulus Mau to establish a business account through PayPal to facilitate online membership (new/renewal through IASNR website) and ISSRM conference registrations (through the ISSRM website). This included several test runs to ensure the process worked smoothly. We continue to monitor the process and have implemented changes when necessary;
- (4) Established a procedure for transferring funds received from PayPal to ISSRM's business account; helped create a separate PayPal account for ISSRM, including a Virtual Terminal for Laura Anderson's use (host committee for 2008 ISSRM Meetings);
- (5) Maintained the database with special attention given to cleaning and consolidating it (ridding it of duplicate entries; updating information); entered payments for new/renewing members received by check with conference registration; sent email thank-you's for check and conference memberships; kept records of payment by check for ISSRM conference registrations and sponsorship checks;
- (6) Used the database to forward emails to members for council election announcement and to secure member registrations from those who had not renewed earlier memberships (2005/2006); tallied council election results; worked on developing a listserve through our college and university; and emailed newsletter and membership renewal reminders;
- (7) Provided continuous member services including dealing with concerns about missing journals and helped resolve the issue of missing Vol. 20(10); followed up on requests regarding other missing issues and questions through IASNR website; sent mailing labels to T&F for journals and catch-ups; updated addresses for undeliverable journals.

According to our accountant, Tim Ronan, principal in Stanton, Echard & Ronan LLC (Certified Public Accountants), as of 12/31/07 we had \$220,083.94 in our accounts. Our 2007 501-C-3 income taxes will be filed in July.

According to our records, as of 06/03/08 we had 823 members; in 2007 at roughly the same time (06/07/07) 815 members (and on the same date in 2006 we had 967 members). The large difference be-

tween the 2006 membership and those in the following years reflects the large attendance at the BC meetings and the increase in registered members as a result.

As of 06/03/08 we had the following resources in our IASNR and ISSRM accounts (we bank at Citizens Bank, South Atherton Office, State College, PA):

IASNR

(a) Business Checking Account:	\$ 49,702	
(b) Money Market		\$ 19,400
(c) CDs	\$ 17,787	
(d) PayPal		\$ 826
(e) Annuity		\$100,000
TOTAL	\$187,715	

ISSRM

(a) Business Checking Account	\$202,302	
(b) Money Market		\$ 5,083
(d) PayPal		\$ 10,600
TOTAL	\$217,985	

Grand Total		\$405,700
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The grand total does not include the costs of the ISSRM meetings. This is the first year we were able to separate resources associated with the annual meetings from those associated with the parent organization. All bills with the University of Vermont will be finalized after the meetings are concluded. As well, the above numbers do not reflect the costs of student scholarships and awards (personal checks were written to each recipient).

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The International Association for Society and Natural Resou
Profit & Loss
January through December 2007

	Jan - Dec 07	Jan - Dec 06
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
4000 · Memberships	36,403.00	10,096.00
4010 · Interest Income	2,744.35	1,831.58
4020 · Scholarship Contributions	0.00	700.00
4030 · Meeting Income	88,912.70	51,641.00
4050 · Other Income	98.89	0.00
Total Income	128,158.94	64,268.58
Expense		
6240 · Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
6250 · Postage and Delivery	46.39	1,290.39
6260 · Printing and Reproduction	0.00	520.74
6270 · Professional Fees	500.00	0.00
6350 · Meals and Entertainment	110.00	0.00
6430 · Conference Facilities	0.00	3,500.00
6440 · Web Site	7,019.25	7,500.00
6450 · Office Expense	38.64	13.50
6460 · Journal Expenses	24,483.00	0.00
6470 · Secretarial Expenses	1,500.00	0.00
Total Expense	33,697.28	12,824.63
Net Ordinary Income	94,461.66	51,443.95
Net Income	94,461.66	51,443.95

The International Association for Society and Natural Resou
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2007

	Dec 31, 07
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Citizens - CD	17,567.50
Citizens - Money Market	19,275.91
Citizens Bank	66,393.29
Citizens Bank - ISSRM Checking	5,002.08
Citizens Bank ISSRM - MM	11,845.16
Total Checking/Savings	120,083.94
Other Current Assets	
AXA Equitable Annuity	100,000.00
Total Other Current Assets	100,000.00
Total Current Assets	220,083.94
TOTAL ASSETS	220,083.94
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
1110 · Retained Earnings	112,202.32
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	13,419.96
Net Income	94,461.66
Total Equity	220,083.94
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	220,083.94