International Advisory Council for Biosystematic Services in Entomology

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The International Advisory Council for Biosystematic Services in Entomology (IACBSE) (initially called "---Committee---") was formally established at the XVIIth International Congress of Entomology, held August 23, 1984, in Hamburg, Federal Republic of Germany, by Resolution No 1 upon the recommendation of the Permanent Council of the International Congress of Entomology. The Resolution emphasized that (a) the number of available insect taxonomists is not sufficient to meet demands for their expertise, (b) the training and employment of biosystematists necessary for the supply of biosystematic services need to be promoted, (c) all potential users communicate in the planning stages of their projects with potential providers of biosystematic services, and (d) national and international organizations make specific budgetary allocations for the support of the biosystematic component in their projects.

The Organizing Committee (K. M. Harris, K.C. Kim as Chairman, L. Knutson, I.M. Smith) was formed by the final Discussion Session at the Congress Symposium (SI.2) "Biosystematic Services in Entomology," to organize the first International Advisory Committee for Biosystematic Services in Entomology. The mandate of the Organizing Committee was to develop initial guidelines for the structure and operation of the Committee, to establish a well balanced membership for the inaugural Committee, and to propose a number of projects to be pursued by IACBSE during its initial term leading up to the XVIII International Congress of Entomology, to be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, in 1988. The Organizing Committee developed the guidelines and identified prospective members for IACBSE on 29 March 1985, at the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, USA. Hence, the Organizing Committee became the Executive Committee of the inaugural Council and elected K.C. Kim as the first chair.

1 Goals

The goals of the International Advisory Council for Biosystematic Services in Entomology (IACBSE) are to:
(a) foster the development of capabilities in biosystematic services in entomology throughout the world as required by and provided for diverse human endeavors;
(b) enhance the advancement of biosystematics research in entomology worldwide;
(c) assist in the coordination of biosystematic activities in entomology, including research, service, training, and education, throughout the world;