Societas Europaea Herpetologica

Ordinary General Meeting (O.G.M.)
21st European Congress of Herpetology

Belgrade, Serbia, Wednesday 7 September 2022
(16.00-18.00)

OGM – Chairperson: Mathieu Denoël, SEH President & FNRS Research Director, University of Liege, Belgium
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Mathieu Denoël (ULiege – FNRS, Belgium)

SEH structure

**Council:** President (Mathieu Denoël), Vice-President (Dusan Jelic), General Secretary (Antigoni Kaliontzopoulou), Vice-Secretary (Francesco Ficetola), Treasurer (Tom Kirschey), Vice-Treasurer (Eva Ringler), four Co-Editors (Judit Vörös, Salvador Carranza, Jose Brito, Hinrich Kaiser)

3 Committees (Chair / Vice-Chair for Mapping: Neftali Sillero, Conservation: Balint Halpern / Katja Poboljšaj, Taxonomic: Jeroen Speybroeck / Melita Vamberger)
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Editorial Team for *Herpetology Notes*
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> 300 SEH members (in 2022)

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Acquisitions Editor: Stefan Einarson; Desk Editor: Wendel van der Sluis
Main actions, based on objectives presented at last OGM

- Open Letters to the European Parliament etc. (see also Conservation Committee’s report) Water Framework Directive, Common Agricultural Policy, European Habitat Forum, EU Nature restauration Law, etc

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  Union gives strength: join efforts of SEH and other NGOs for promoting biodiversity conservation in the framework of EU Directives and local actions

- Moving towards similar structure among the three SEH committees (chairs, vice-chairs, list of members)

  now finalised for the Taxonomic and Conservation committee
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- Building more connections with national / local herp societies in Europe
  
  1. Establishing a first draft of text for bilateral agreement
  
  2. Contacting three herp societies for first feedbacks
  
  3. Making the agreement easiest, not constraining, easy to access for all societies
     - More visibility of herp societies, up to date centralisation of information on herp societies, their journals and meetings
     - Better representativity of European herpetologists for Open Letters signed by SEH
     - Involvement in SEH decisions: possibility to vote at OGM
     - Two membership fees possible – with Amphibia-Reptilia (AMRE) (= institutional fee) and without AMRE (= lowest fee)
       - Same advantages as other SEH members
  
  4. Contacting a first set of herp societies in 2021-2022
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- 5. First signatures, exchange of data for mutual promotion
- 6. starting 2022 – first membership of 8 ‘societies’
- 7. Waiting some others and for future, hoping most herp societies could join
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EBHS
The European Board of Herpetological Societies

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https://www.seh-herpetology.org/ebhs
(See also the webmaster’s report)

DGHT
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Herpetologie und Terrarienkunde
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Representative member: Markus Monzel, President
Substitute member: Axel Kwet, Managing Director

- Webpage: www.dght.de
- Membership information: https://www.dght.de/application-for-membership-english-form
- Journals: Elaphe: 6 issues per year, Salamandra: 4 issues per year, Radiata: 4 issues per year, Die Eidechse: 3 issues per year, Ophidia: 2 issues per year, Amphibia: 2 issues per year, Sekretär: 1 issue per year, Mertensiella: published irregularly, 1-2 issues per year.

SOCIETAS HERPETOLOGICA ITALICA (SHI)
Representative member: Lucio Bonato, counselor
Substitute member: Luca Coppari, secretary

- Membership information: http://www-9.unipv.it/webshi/societa/iscrizione.htm
- Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/255437961162654
- Journals: Acta Herpetologica: 2 issues per year (print and online)
- Congress: Congresso Nazionale SHI (1 congress every even year, typically in September). Next congress: XIV Congresso Nazionale SHI, 14-18 September 2022.

Same info for each society
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- I would like to thank the members of our council, committees and editorial boards for the important work done on these last years for the society.
- I also thank all SEH members for their support in joining the society, what is essential for its actions and representativity.
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- New Contract with Brill and Open Access policies
  - Clarifying issues from previous contract
  - Improving clarity
  - Avoiding risky increase of fees
  - Immediate posting of Author version (AMRE) in repositories

- Open archives (AMRE): Free access after 5 years (Publisher version on Brill website)!

37 volumes free access online

See details in AMRE, 43, 3