

Dear ISSHA Members,

The time for the 14th International Conference is approaching, and we want to call your attention to several important matters. As an ISSHA member, you are invited to participate in important decisions and/or enjoy opportunities restricted to Society members, related to the following topics:

1. **Nominations for the Yasumoto Award and the Young Scientist Award**
2. **Travel Awards to attend the 14th International Conference on Harmful Algae**
3. **Donations for the ISSHA Auction 2010**
4. **Bids to host the 16th ICHA Conference (2014)**

1. Nominations for the Yasumoto Award and the Young Scientist Award

ISSHA members are invited to submit nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Young Scientist Award. Further information about the awards can be found at www.issha.org; click on Awards.

The Yasumoto Lifetime Achievement Award

This award is offered in recognition of a long and outstanding record of contribution to harmful algal research by an ISSHA member (see the membership list at www.issha.org). Previous recipients: Dr. F.J.R. (Max) Taylor (2000), Dr. Greta. R. Hasle (2002), Dr. Theodore. Smayda (2002), Dr. Donald. M. Anderson (2006) and Dr. Karen Steidinger (2008).

The Young Scientist Achievement Award

This award is offered in recognition of outstanding achievement in any aspect of harmful algal research by scientists early in their career (i.e. within ten years of receiving their PhD). The award is intended for an exceptional or "break-through" contribution to an area of harmful algae research, rather than a cumulative record of achievement. The nominee should be an ISSHA member (see the membership list at www.issha.org). Previous recipients: Dr. Chris Scholin (2002), Dr. Rosa I. Figueroa (2008).

Any ISSHA member in good standing may submit nominations for either achievement award, which should include a description of the nominee's contribution (not more than one page). Please, make sure that you and your nominee have renewed your membership for the period 2010-2011. Those of you who paid your membership at the beginning of 2008, or at the 13 ICHA Conference in Hong Kong in 2008, paid for the 2008 and 2009 fee.

Nominations should be sent by e-mail to Jennifer Martin (Jennifer.Martin@dfo-mpo.gc.ca), Chair of the Committee on Achievement Awards, **to be received before May 15th 2010. Please write 'ISSHA Achievement Awards 2010' in the message subject.** Nominations will be considered by the ISSHA Council, and eventual awards will be presented at the XIV HAB Conference in Crete (Greece), 1-5 November 2010.

2. Travel Awards to attend the 14th International Conference on Harmful Algae

ISSHA will offer a limited number of travel awards for students and postdoctoral investigators to attend the *14th International Conference on Harmful Algae*, 1-5 November 2010, in Hersonissos, Crete, Greece.

Awards will be limited to a maximum of \$1,000 US.

Successful applicants will need to demonstrate that other sources of funds are available to supplement their

award.

Among the criteria for selection will be the following:

- Membership in ISSHA (if you are not a member, please join before the applications are reviewed)
- Availability of “matching” funds
- First time award applicants will receive priority over those who have received travel support in the past
- Commitment to an oral or a poster presentation
- Quality or unique nature of science to be presented
- Demonstrated financial need

To apply for funds, please send the **application letter (forms will be available on the ISSHA website as of June 1), as a PDF file**, to Clarisse Odebrecht, Chair of Committee on Travel Awards (doclar@furg.br) following the format that will be available on the ISSHA website in due course. Please write **“ISSHA Travel Awards 2010”** in the message subject. Applications not submitted this way may be rejected.

The deadline for receipt of applications is **July 3, 2010**, with decisions announced approximately one month thereafter.

Additional information about the 14th ICHA can be found at www.hab2010.gr/

3. Donations for the ISSHA Auction 2010

ISSHA auctions during past International Conferences on Harmful Algae have been a tremendous success and are becoming a tradition!! It is an opportunity for the conference participants to bid on donated items. The range of items is broad and may include books, signed reprints, photos, jewellery, T-shirts, paintings, algae-related items, liquor, and scientific equipment. The auction items are donated by ISSHA members from around the world and are used to benefit ISSHA members. Funds collected during the auction are an important income for ISSHA and may represent up to 25% of the total income of the Society. ISSHA was able to offer partial travel support to more than 25 students to attend the Conference in Hong Kong (3-7 November 2008).

Barrie Dale has so far been serving as the auctioneer and provocateur, ensuring the evening has been exciting, fun filled and a bit over the top! Please help us make the 14th Conference auction a success.

We need donations for the auction and only your imagination limits what can be donated. Please contact the responsible person for the auction, Anke Kremp (anke.kremp@ymparisto.fi) about your donations for the auction and the way you are going to transport it. **Please, write “ISSHA Auction 2010” in the message subject.** You may also include a picture of your item if you wish. We intend to present a list of items on the ISSHA website (www.issha.org).

We look forward to hearing from you.

4. Request for Bids to Host the 16th International Conference on Harmful Algae (ICHA).

During 2010, ISSHA members will be asked to vote for which site will host the 16th ICHA (2014) that will follow the 15th ICHA in Korea (2012). The chosen site will be announced during the ISSHA General Assembly held during the 14th ICHA (Crete, November 2010).

Now is the time to ask for bids to host the 16th ICHA, so that voters will have the time to examine the different options and make up their mind. For the first time, ISSHA members in good standing who cannot attend the Conference will have the opportunity to vote by e-mail. **Deadline for e-mail votes will be 15 October 2010.**

Bids should be submitted before **31 July 2010**, and should include the following information:

- Scientists and organizations who will serve as local hosts, including evidence of their prior expertise in the organization and financial management of similar-sized international conferences.
- Description of the meeting venue and capacity of meeting space for a 5-day meeting, including a plenary room, 2 rooms for simultaneous sessions and several small rooms for administrative use and other necessities. Estimated participation is between 400 and 600 people, but sometimes there are surprises, as was the case during the 10th ICHA (St Pete Beach, Florida), with around 800 participants.
- Availability of accommodations at a range of costs, including the number of rooms, distance from the meeting location, and room costs for high and low seasons. If university residence or other inexpensive accommodation is available for students, this will be considered favorably.
- Distance of meeting and lodging facilities from major airport(s) and cost of transportation between airport and meeting and lodging facilities.
- Availability of local public transportation.
- Expected cost of lunches per day.
- Availability and distance to restaurants for lunches.
- Expected level of local support and associated funding, including ability to provide meeting space, audiovisual support, and staff support, at no cost to the international organizers.
- Dates when the facility would be available in 2014.
- Plans for mid-week excursions and accompanying persons' activities.
- HAB scientists who would be responsible for editing the ICHA proceedings¹, including evidence of their prior experience in producing English-language conference proceedings.

Enquiries and bids should be e-mailed to the President of ISSHA (beatriz.reguera@vi.jeo.es). Bids should be limited to 2-3 pages, plus supplementary illustrations and web links. Information on the previous ICHA venues can be found at the ISSHA website (www.issaha.org), by clicking on the "Conferences" navigation button on the left-hand column. Bids will be examined by the ISSHA Council and posted on the ISSHA website.

¹)Traditionally, ICHA proceedings have been edited by a group led by the head of the local organizing committee. If the local hosts are not willing to continue this practice, they can ask the ISSHA Committee on Publications and Dissemination to take it over, BUT the money earmarked for the proceedings (in the registration fee) would have to be transferred to ISSHA for the printing and dispatching of the books.