Cyamus Regional Group Annual Report, 2008-2009

New structure and finances

Last year's decision to create a duly elected board with the Cyamus Representative (Sally Taylor), Treasurer (Amy Butros) and Secretary (Sonja Kromann), as well as to open a checking account has made it easier to plan activities and manage our funds on an ongoing basis. Please see the attached Treasurer's Report for financial details.

Membership

We have 54 members who selected Cyamus as their primary affiliation, and another 10 who selected Cyamus as their secondary affiliation. Primary members are from British Columbia in Canada; Hawaii, Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho and Nebraska in the United States; and Baja California Sur, Sinaloa and Mexico City in Mexico.

Annual conference

The 2009 conference took place in Pacific Grove, California at the Asilomar Conference Grounds, a beautiful ocean front facility on the Monterey Peninsula. The conference was a mixture of institutional reports, presentations given by members, and talks from invited speakers. Because we met, ate and slept at Asilomar, there was ample time for discussion!

Highlights of the meeting included a visit to the new library at California State University, Monterey Bay (complete with a rainbow over the building), and a walk along the coast to view the mural "Green Sea/Blue Sea: the California Current, Climate Change and Sustainable Fisheries".

A summary of the meeting with photos is available at: <u>http://www.iamslic.org/index.php?section=196#2009</u>

Next year, the meeting with be held at the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre on the west coast of Vancouver Island in British Columbia, Canada.

Digitization projects

A committee of Cyamus members (Barbara Butler, Kit Johnston, Leslie Rimmer, Janet Webster) chaired by our secretary (Sonja Kromann) approved funding for two digitization projects this year.

• Sally Taylor at the University of British Columbia Library was awarded \$500 to cover staffing costs to digitize plates from Henri Duhamel du Monceau's "Traité général des pesches" (17691782). The complete two volumes have now been scanned by the UBC Archives and are available through Aquatic Commons and the Internet Archive. The next step is to create an Open Access image database for the engraved plates.

• Maria Magdalena Vallejo Sanchez at the Centro de Investigación en Alimentación y Desarrollo was awarded \$1374.58 to purchase a scanner and provide staffing to digitize documents (articles, conference papers, reports, theses) from her institution. Access to these materials will be provided through Aquatic Commons to a link on the CIAD web site.

Participation in IAMSLIC

Cyamus members are actively involved in IAMSLIC and are acknowledged here for their participation. Any omissions are unintentional and entirely my responsibility.

- Kristen Anderson: Resource Sharing committee, 2008 Proceedings editor
- Peter Brueggeman: Resource Sharing committee
- Barbara Butler: Past President; Bylaws committee
- Marcia Croy Vanwely: Junior President Elect; Cyamus representative on Conference Planning committee; Conference Site Selection committee
 Lawrence Currie: Chair of Resource Sharing committee
- Molly Engelbrecht: Resource Sharing committee
- Ruth Gustafson: President Elect and 2009 Joint Conference coconvenor
- Lenora Oftedahl: IAMSLIC email list manager; Guin auctioneer; Conference blogger
- Pam Olson: Nominating committee
- Eleanor Uhlinger: RegOnline committee
- Brian Voss: working with PICES Secretariat
- Steve Watkins: Resource Sharing committee; Web Site & Communications committee; IOC & IAMSLIC MOU committee
- Janet Webster: Membership committee, IAMSLIC & FAO MOU committee, working with PICES Secretariat
- Joe Wible: RegOnline committee

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Taylor, Cyamus representative 20082010 September 21, 2009