

## **Minutes of the General Meeting of the European Committee for Conservation of Bryophytes, 4 September 2007, Romania**

### **1. Opening of the meeting**

Lars Söderström, as Chairman of the ECCB, opened the meeting and explained the business.

### **2. Election of chair for this meeting**

Ana Séneca was proposed and elected.

### **3. Election of secretary for this meeting**

Chris Cheffings was proposed and elected.

### **4. Report from the Board Secretary**

Ron Porley presented the report.

The ECCB had held two meetings since the last General Meeting in Valencia. The focus during the Valencia meeting in 2004 had been the lack of funding for ECCB, and discussion regarding the possibility of registering the ECCB. This question has not been resolved, and the lack of funding remains a significant problem.

In 2005 a meeting had been held in Sweden which had been funded by partner organisations, in particular ArtDatabanken. A further meeting was held in Uppsala in 2006, at which the Red List hepatic data sheets had been updated.

The current work of the ECCB is focussed on:

- Updating the Red List

- Improving the website, which now contains the Red List data sheets and the liverwort checklist

- The moss checklist has been a recent focus, but has recently been published

- Aligning with other groups to improve the awareness of bryophyte issues, in particular the ECCB now attends the Planta Europa Steering Committee, the Bern Committee, the International Association of Bryophytes, and the IUCN Specialist Group on Bryophytes.

### **5. Report from the Treasurer**

Lars Söderström explained that there was currently no treasurer, since there was no income or expenditure of the ECCB. Although some meetings have been funded (in both 2005 and 2006), this funding has gone directly into meeting organisation, and has not come through the ECCB. Previously the ECCB had had an income stream from selling the Red List, however this is now out-of-date and cannot generate further income. This situation is very difficult for the ECCB, and it must remain a priority for the ECCB to attain funding.

### **6. Election of the Chairman**

Lars Söderström was proposed and elected to serve a further term.

### **7. Election of the Board**

One current member is stepping down from the Board due to other commitments (Edi Urmi). The other members were re-elected (Ron Porley, Kimmo Syrjänen, Geert Raeymaekers, Cecília Sérgio, Michele Aleffi, Beáta Papp, Marko Sabovljević, Jiří Váňa). Norbert

Schnyder was elected as a replacement for Edi. Three additional board members were also elected; these were Rayna Natcheva, Kristoffer Hylander and Kristian Hassel.

**8. Any other business**

No further points were raised.

**9. Meeting close**

Lars thanked Irina Goia and the local organising group for an excellent meeting and field trip. The rest of the meeting joined him in these thanks.

Chris Cheffings  
4 September 2007