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contributed papers we will feature in Crete. The quality and collegiate nature of IBS meetings is such that I am confident that many colleagues will want to prioritise attending this meeting notwithstanding the current restricted budgets for such activities. The IBS has, in particular, made vigorous efforts to ensure that its meetings provide a great experience for early career biogeographers, including plenary poster sessions, programmes of training workshops and evening discussion groups targeted to postgraduate attendees and chaired by senior scientists. The Crete meeting will once again feature this popularly acclaimed format.

For the future, the next biennial meeting is being planned for a venue in Florida, returning the society to US soil for the first time since 2005. Thus far, we have yet to establish a regular pattern of 'off year' meetings, but as mentioned above, IBS has been involved as co-sponsor of two such symposia, the most recent of which was in January 2010 on the theme *Conservation Biogeography: Integrating Biogeography and Conservation Science in A Changing World*, held jointly with UNESCO in their Paris headquarters and co-convened by myself and our Vice-President for Conferences, Jens-Christian Svenning. This meeting provided an opportunity to promote the inclu-

sion of biogeographical research findings in conservation policy formulation. As we continue to build the activities of the society, I anticipate that more such one-off meetings, workshops and symposia can be sponsored or co-sponsored by IBS. Please don't hesitate to contact our Vice-President for Conferences with ideas you may have for such initiatives.

Taken in the round, I think it fair to claim that this young international society has established a successful formula, and has developed a solid platform on which to build. It will do so providing that it can continue to win the support and involvement of a growing membership base, who are joining the society not solely because the IBS membership fee is good value for money, but because being a long-term member of the IBS represents something more, in short, a commitment to the discipline of biogeography through participation in an international forum of scholars.

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## Results from the 2010 IBS Elections

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32% of the IBS members participated in the voting ; thanks to all for your participation. The incoming IBS Board (for 2011-2012) will consist of:

*President:* **Larry Heaney** (elected in 2008)

*President-Elect:* **Rosemary Gillespie**

*VP Conferences:* **Daniel Gavin**

*VP Development:* **George Stevens**

*VP Public Affairs:* **Mike Dawson**

*Secretary:* **Richard Field**

**Lois Alexander**

*Directors at Large:* **Catherine Graham** and **Katherine Willis**

*Student-at-Large:* to be filled by a special election in February 2011.

Both proposed amendments (adding a student-at-large member and increasing the term of director-at-large members, beginning in 2012) to the IBS Constitution passed. Amended versions of the IBS constitution and bylaws will be posted shortly.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Williams

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