

COMMITTEE REPORT 2015 Annual Meeting

Sacramento, CA

Date: February 02, 2015

Committee Name: International Affairs Committee (IAC)

Committee Chair: D. Layne Coppock

BOD representative: Leonard Jolley

- I. Progress Report – 2014/5:
 - A. Updated the IAC website to better serve as a hub for current information and as a historical archive;
 - B. Created a new IAC facebook page and linked it to the IAC website;
 - C. Facilitated an International Symposium on “Energy Development and Rangelands” for the Sacramento meeting;
 - D. Awarded a competitive International Travel Fellowship (ITF) to an Uruguayan national to attend the Sacramento meeting;
 - E. Re-initiated a fund dispersal process to competitively distribute subsidy monies to qualified international scholars to become SRM members or to facilitate travel to SRM meetings; and
 - F. Facilitated a liaison process between SRM and the International Rangeland Congress (IRC), scheduled to be held in July 2016 in Saskatoon, Canada.
 - G. The leadership torch was passed from Coppock to Dr. Edmundo Garcia Moya to serve as the IAC Chair for 2015-6. Dr. Jay Angerer was unanimously elected to serve as co-chair for 2015-6 ; he then becomes the chair in 2016-7.
- II. Planned Activities—2015/6:
 - A. Continue to update the IAC website and facebook pages (all year);
 - B. Push for an International Symposium to be held at the Corpus Christi meeting, the topic “to be determined” will deal with a cross-border rangeland issue relevant to the southwest USA and northern Mexico (symposium proposal submission to the Corpus Christi Organizing Committee will be due by early May);

- C. Award another International Travel Fellowship to an individual who will attend the Corpus Christi meeting (support from the Corpus Christi OC will be sought by early May; the award will be made in November);
- D. Award SRM subsidy moneys, as explained above (awards will be made by November) and make sure that there is clarity in SRM application materials with respect to opportunities for people to donate to “International Member Support.”
- E. Continue to facilitate a liaison process between SRM and the IRC.

III. Action Items for BOD Consideration, Including Critical Dates:

A. Funding Needs and Potential Sources:

1. Support from the Corpus Christi OC (\$1,000 plus a registration waiver) will be sought for the 2016 International Travel Fellowship (by May, 2015);
2. Support will be sought to defray speaker expenses for the 2016 International Symposium (no deadline; donors to be determined);

B. Other Needs:

1. The IAC requests that the BOD initiate an editing process through the SRM HQ that concerns the PDF and electronic versions of the standard SRM membership applications. The edits requested need to simply ensure that all applicants have a check-box option to allow donation for “International Member Support.” This may be a timely editing request as the system moves from Allen Press to Elsevier. One IAC member noticed, in particular, that the PDF (printable membership application) did not have a check-box for “International Member Support.”