

**Canadian Society of Zoologists**  
**Business Meeting of Comparative Morphology & Development Section**  
**Wednesday, May 15, 2009**  
**University of Toronto, Scarborough - Montreal**

Hans Larsson, outgoing Chair of CMD, extended a welcome to all attending the business meeting. He reported on several issues:

**Membership:** CMD now has over 80 members, which has declined since last year. Also attendance at the meeting and the number of contributed talks in the CMD section has also declined – approximately one third of the members attended this year's meeting. In 2006 we had 35 papers, in 2007 we had 37, and in 2009 we had 23. The reason for this may be that the Canadian Society for Ecology and Evolution was held in Halifax at the same time as the CSZ, but it could also be because we were late getting out advertising about the CMD symposia (main and satellite). We must continue to actively encourage our colleagues and students to become members of CSZ and to join the CMD section. The chair and members discussed various ways in which we could attract new members and attendance at the meeting. Early publicity about the CMD symposia (well before the registration deadline) is an easy way to encourage more participation in the meeting.

**Hall award:** Seven people were eligible to receive the Hall award.

**Student Organized Symposium:** This year CMD received \$3000 from the American Association of Anatomists to sponsor the Student Satellite Symposium. We will be eligible to apply for 2 more years depending on the nature of the report. Overall the symposium organized by Rajee Rajakumar and Marie Julie Fave from McGill University worked very well: (1) good student involvement; (2) was well attended; (3) good overall impression; and (4) attracted big name scientists. We must advertise and encourage students to organize student symposium.

**Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary-General, and Treasurer of CMD:** For 2009-2010, Ehab Abouheif from McGill University will be Chair of the CMD section. A possible nominee for the Vice Chair position was Tony Russell. Tony Russell was one of the founding members of the CMD section and was asked to be involved in the beginning, but couldn't commit because he currently the Vice Chair of all of CSZ. Tony's term will end this year. Hans proposed a formal motion that Tony Russell be voted Vice Chair. All were in favor, and there was one abstention. Rich Palmer was nominated voted as long-term Secretary-General of the CMD section.

**Budget of CMD:**

Annual income from CMD's claim on CSZ LOC and Membership Dues: ~\$3500

AAA funding: \$3000/year (USD)

One Time University of Alberta and University of Calgary funding in 2006: \$10000

Expenses: Approximately: \$6500/year

We have \$4800 left in bank account (excluding income & expenses for 2009 meeting)

The AAA grant will allow us to continue to offer the Student Satellite Symposium and main CMD Symposium at the current levels for an additional 3 - 4 years.

Question arised about funds from Silent Auction. Answer: Proceeds for 1<sup>st</sup> three years only. Only in 5 years from now will we get the proceeds again.

**Notes for next year:** Try to get the symposium speakers and satellite symposium up and running early. Next year's CSZ meeting @ UBC. We must start now advertising out West.