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Dear SIL members,

With the successful Montréal Congress a few weeks behind us, your new General Secretary-Treasurer would like to provide some important information concerning the decisions made by the International Committee and the General Assembly. A more detailed report will appear in the next SIL news.

Hopefully most of you are aware that some major changes were discussed before and during the Congress. A list of the 10 items was emailed to you before the Congress and will be posted on the home page as of 25 September. I will focus on the two most important issues debated at length and with consequences for the SIL statutes. These were also two of the very important issues raised by the Futures Committee headed by the new SIL President Brian Moss.

1. We have changed our name. As you can see on the heading of this letter, we are now: International Society of Limnology (Societas Internationalis Limnologiae – SIL). Thus, we maintain the brand and the acronym SIL.
2. The Proceedings Volume 30 that Editor-in-Chief Jack Jones is now preparing will be the final one and starting with 2010 we will change to a new journal, with normal citation status that will develop an impact factor. We are now preparing this change in a Publication Committee headed by Gene Likens. One thing you will observe immediately when Part 1 of Proceedings 30 arrives on your desk is that it will look like a “normal” Journal; i.e. the layout will be new. We do not yet have a name for the new Journal, but we have a couple of years to think about it. The new journal will solicit contributions arising from Congresses but also from other sources. It will be refereed to a high standard but we will maintain our support particularly to authors from less developed countries so that the ethos of SIL in this respect will remain. This is perhaps one of the most important member benefits and will be maintained in the future

Other items were discussed and decided; however, these are the more important. I find it appropriate to inform you, that your International Society of Limnology is still SIL.

Please also note that the full Report from the General Secretary-Treasurer will be available on the home page as of 25 September with useful information: Lists of current committee members, current officers, budget statement, plans for future Congresses, Necrology for SIL members, and recipients of SIL medals and lectureships. Remember to check: www.limnology.org.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Morten Søndergaard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "M".

Morten Søndergaard
General Secretary-Treasurer