



## Letter of the president of the Swiss Zoological Society (SZS)

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*Dear Zoologists!*

As every year and following our **annual meeting** at biology10, we would like to inform the members of the SZS about our activities:

- ▶ Our annual conference **biology10** was, since this year, organized by three societies: the SZS, the Swiss Botanical Society (SBS) and the Swiss Society for Systematic Biology (SSS). The Swiss Mykological Society has stopped its activities by the end of 2009. Biology 10 took place on February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> in Neuchâtel, and was preceded by a one-day symposium on “*Plant und Animal Conservation Ecology*”. The keynote lectures at biology10 were presented by Ian Baldwin (Max Planck Institute|Germany), Gonzalo Giribet (Harvard University|USA) and Avraham Levy (Weizmann Institute|Israel); Nick Colegrave from Edinburgh was this year's speaker at our traditional Darwin party. For further information, please visit: [http://www2.unine.ch/biology10/page28443\\_en.html](http://www2.unine.ch/biology10/page28443_en.html). We would like to thank the organizers of biology10: Betty Benrey, Rhedouan Bshary, Jason Grant, François Felber, Tom van Noort, Thomas Degen, Albert Ros and Raphaël Arlettaz! Next year's conference will take place in February 2011 in Zurich and will be organized by Wolf Blanckenhorn, Marta Manser, Peter Linder and Reto Nyffeler.
- ▶ One of our main goals is to support junior scientists. Last year, 10 travel grants could be awarded to young scientists (altogether about CHF 8000,- were distributed). The following people were supported by the SZS: Alexandre Colard, Carmen Cianfrani, Matthias Erb, Barbara Fischer, Sarah Kenyon, Danielle Mersch, Mingkwan Nipitwattanaphon, Dorothea Pio, Francisca Segers, and Nicole Weyeneth. Congratulations!
- ▶ In 2009, three issues of our scientific journal, the “**Revue suisse de Zoologie**”, were published. Volume 116 of the “Revue” included 22 publications with a total of 633 pages.
- ▶ The **finances** of our society are in good order and were approved by the revisers and at our board meeting. We currently have **554 society members**.

The public report to the SCNAT for 2009, which also includes the annual report of the *Revue Suisse de Zoologie*, is available at: <http://www.scnat.ch/d/netzwerk/Jahresberichte/index.php?id=1208>.

With best Wishes,

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