



To: Presidents of Ecological Societies
From: INTECOL Executive Team

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Call for Nominations for Board Members of INTECOL and Update on INTECOL Governance

Background

INTECOL (International Association for Ecology) was formed in 1967, in response to a growing recognition of the importance of major ecological problems, and to foster international cooperation in helping to address these issues.

The 2022 INTECOL Congress will be held in Geneva, 28 August to 2 September:

<https://intecol2021.org>

This will be a hybrid meeting with sessions held in person as well as online. The Congress will provide a wonderful opportunity for ecologists to network and collaborate. We look forward to seeing you and your society members at the Congress. The first International Congress of Ecology was held in The Hague in 1974. This resulted in the series of Congresses for which INTECOL is best known today. Ecological societies and many of your members have provided significant support to and participated in these Congresses. The Board warmly appreciates this longstanding support from ecological societies around the world.

INTECOL Board elections

Turnover of half of the INTECOL Board will occur prior to the Geneva Congress, and a new Board including leadership roles, will be announced during the Congress.

We are seeking nominations **now** for INTECOL Board members.

We are seeking each member ecological society to nominate up to two candidates, with a maximum of two Board members represented on the Board.

Nominations will be accepted **until 2 July 2022**.

There is a rotation of half of the elected Board every two years, with each Board member serving four years. The Board includes 19 voluntary members; 9 of the original Board members will be remaining on the Board, with 10 retiring.

We are seeking candidates who will be active and contribute to the vision of "INTECOL as the international voice of ecology", working together with us in a friendly global team environment. Candidates would contribute to improving the diversity, equity and global representation of the association. We are also seeking candidates who will fill roles such as developing thematic groups, expanding membership, improving communication, and represent young emerging ecologists.

An online election process will be run in July 2022. Each society will be able to vote in the election.

Candidates should provide a one page summary, addressing each of the attached criteria.

Please respond with nominations by email to shona.myers@outlook.com and Alice Hughes at ach_conservation2@hotmail.com

Update on INTECOL Governance

Since 2019 INTECOL has been working on a number of Governance changes including establishment of a system of institutional membership of ecological societies with annual dues, updated statutes, and a professional paid secretariat.

We will contact ecological societies further in July 2022 and seek your feedback regarding the establishment of a new system of payments of annual dues by all member societies.

Upcoming Meetings

The INTECOL Board plans to organise several meetings with ecological societies during and prior to the Geneva Congress:

1. A formal General Assembly, where the new INTECOL Board will be announced, and INTECOL business including finances and future directions will be discussed. This will be held on Thursday 1st September 2022, during the Geneva Congress.
2. an informal online meeting of representatives from ecological societies prior to the Congress in July, to share ideas and collaborate.

Dates and times for both these meetings will be confirmed closer to the time.

Please contact us if you need any further information. We look forward to your nominations!

Kindest regards

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