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27th International Diatom Symposium

Skukuza, Kruger National Park, South Africa, 3-8 August 2025

21st Annual General Meeting, 7 August 2025

Agenda



1. Apologies
2. Approval of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2023
3. In Memoriam
4. President's overview
5. Secretary's report
6. Treasurer's report
7. Diatom Research Editor's report
8. Early Career Representatives' report
9. IDS 2027, Prague, Czech Republic
10. Other future meetings
11. AOB









1 – Apologies

- Becky Bixby
- Andrea Burfeid Castellanos
- Marco Cantonati
- Eileen Cox
- Ric Jordan
- Maria Kahlert
- Martyn Kelly
- Keely Mills
- Shinya Sato
- Rosa Trobajo
- Carlos Wetzel

2 – Approval of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2023

Minutes of the 20th Annual General Meeting

held on 1 September 2023, 16.00 – 17.00 JST

Minutes sent to members on 31 July 2025

24 members attended in person, 6 members attended online,

the Minutes of the AGM 2023 were approved.



3 – Deceased diatomists

In memoriam

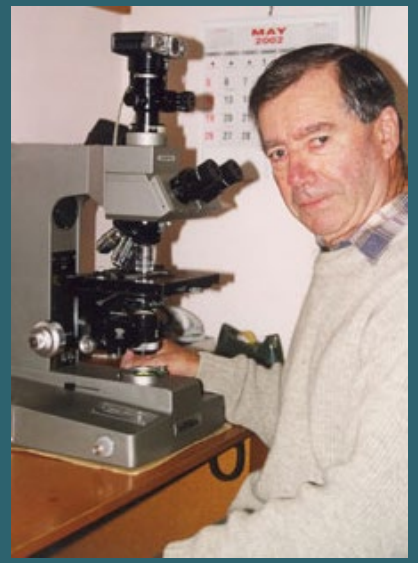
2023 - 2025

Our colleagues who left us forever....
but will always remain in our hearts and minds

Andrzej Witkowski
1955 - 2023



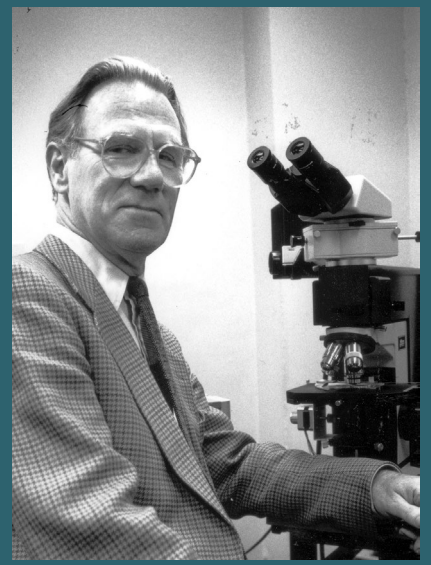
Stuart Stidolph
† 2024



Jacob John
1939 - 2024



Pieter Houpt
1931 - 2025



Brian Whitton
1936 - 2025



4 – President's overview

International Society for Diatom Research

Council Members (Aug 2023 - Aug 2025)



Sarah Spaulding
President 2023-2025



Bart Van de Vijver
Vice-President 2023-2025



Rosa Trobajo
Past-President



Shinya Sato
Co-convenor IDS 2021&23



Jonathan Taylor
Convenor IDS 2025



Ingrid Jüttner
Secretary

Elected Council members



Marco Cantonati



Becky Bixby



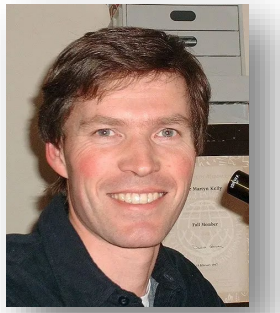
Maria Kahlert



Andrea Burfeid Castellanos
Elected ECR



Keely Mills
Treasurer



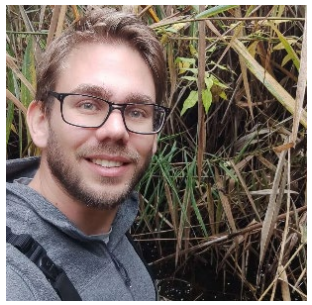
Martyn Kelly



Carlos Wetzel



Jonas Zimmermann



Kálmán Tapolczai
Elected ECR



Ric Jordan
Editor Diatom Research

Like many times throughout history, our present times are challenging.

As a society, we have a crucial role to train and mentor the next generation of diatomists, across all subdisciplines. Our students need to have the benefit of a strong scientific training to compete for available jobs. Let's continue to prioritize our students and early career researchers.

For decades now, the field of taxonomy has been in decline across organismal groups, around the world. Collections are vital to our science, yet many collections are vulnerable to loss of funding. Let's reinvigorate our collections working group to keep the importance of collections central to our organization.

Despite a very low cost of joining ISDR, our membership continues to be at a low. Building membership supports our ability to train students, speak out for collections, and strengthen our network with sister societies. Consider purchasing a membership for a student! Let's all take on the task of encouraging a colleague to join ISDR.

I extend heartfelt appreciation to Ingrid Jüttner, Secretary, and Keely Mills, Treasurer, for dedication to keeping our society running smoothly and on a solid financial basis.

Eileen Cox, long-standing Editor in Chief of Diatom Research, transitioned the EIC role to Ric Jordan. An enormous thank you to you both. I invite you to consider serving as an Associate Editor, as Ric builds an editorial team.

Please join me in thanking Andrea Burfeid and Kálmán Tapolczai for leading an energetic and vital group of early career members. Finally, I appreciate all of you, our international community of accomplished experts, across a range of specialities. Together, we accomplish great things.

I am proud of so much that we are doing to address the challenges:

A. IDS 2025 in Kruger National Park is a reality! Everyone should know that organizing a symposium takes years of planning in advance, with endless details for the organizer to attend to. A wholehearted thank you to Jonathan Taylor for making the symposium a reality – and I just wish that I was present to be with all of you. I give great appreciation to the local organizing committee, scientific committee, Young ISDR, the Executive Council, and International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS - https://iubs.org/)

B. The strength of YoungISDR is our superpower! I am inspired by the ongoing engagement and participation by our students and early career scientists to build a supportive network across nations. Thank you to Kálmán for leadership and to all of our young scientists for building strong scientific connections with one another. If you are a student or recent graduate, be sure to join one or more of the many activities – blog posts, Diatom of the Month, calendar contest, and more.

Early Career Researcher grants

C. Early Career Awards reach across continents. We are now in the 3rd round of trial grant awards, made possible because of our sound financial standing (Treasurer' s report). Furthermore, the program has been promoted through numerous online sessions guided by Andrea Burfeid Castellanos. The program is possible through the feedback from review panels to review, discuss, and provide constructive criticism to applicants. Thank you to the review panels who volunteer their time to the program and congratulations to our outstanding Early Career Researchers!

Early Career Researcher grants

2023/ 2024

Submissions: 15 Type I, 2 Type II.

Review panel: Eileen Cox (chair), Silvia Sala, Patrick Rioual, Eveline Pinseel

Luc Ector Grants (Type I)

Kazuki Sugawara, Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology, Japan

Host specificity in diatoms – a case study of the marine epiphytic diatom *Falcula rectangularis*.

Oktiyas Lufthfi, University of Szczecin, Poland

Biodiversity of coral reef diatoms from Java and Bawean Island, Indonesia, based on morphology approach.

Deevena Elias, Forest Research Institute, Dehradun, India

Evaluation of health and management of Renuka wetland: A RAMSAR site, Himachal Pradesh.

Networking Grant (Type II)

Benito Granell, IRTA, Spain; Sabrina Bustos, CONICET, Argentina; Mariá Luján Garciá, University of Bremen, Germany; Sandra Garcés-Pastor, Marine Sciences Institute, Spain.

DiatomS mEEt Databases: resources and practices to enable large-scale ecological research (SEED).

Early Career Researcher grants

2024/ 2025

Submissions: 6 Type I.

Review Panel: Regine Jahn (chair), Somayyeh Kheiri, Shinya Sato, Maria Kahlert

Luc Ector Grants (Type I)

Sulastri Arsad, University of Szczecin, Poland

Unravelling the diatom diversity of Sulawesi Island: a morpho-molecular perspective.

Maria Gabriela Junqueira, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

Bridging gaps in Brazilian Diatoms: New species, trait variation, and a step forwards building a barcode library.

Early Career Researcher grants

Applications deadline: 1 October 2025

Type I: Luc Ector Grant (3 awards, £2000 each)

Type II: Networking Grant (1 award, £4000)

Eligibility: Early career researchers - current MSc and PhD students

- postgraduates within 8 years of MSc or PhD award

Information: webinar (zoom) Diatom Web Academy 2025 | News - Diatoms of North America

8 July 2025 (Americas)

21 July 2025 (Asia/Pacific)

7 August 2025 (Africa/Europe)

https://isdr.org/how-to-apply-to-isdr-grants/

Review Panel: Marina Potapova (chair), Becky Bixby, Jonas Zimmerman, Xavi Benito

Award announcement: 15 November 2025

D. ISDR joined sister societies to further our international connections in 2024.

We provided / supported

- ISDR endorsement for the European Congress of Conservation Biology, initiated by Marco Cantonati
- European Diatom Symposium, North Macedonia (£2645)
- North American Diatom Symposium (£3000).
  Read more at https://isdr.org/report-on-the-north-american-diatom-symposium/

I appreciate your trust and the opportunity to serve as ISDR President over the past two years. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Sarah A. Spaulding

5 – Secretary’s report

Council elections 18 June – 11 July 2025

In total sixty-six (66) eligible votes were received by the ISDR.

Vice President - Results

	ELIGIBLE VOTES		ALL VOTES	
Name	**# Votes**	**% Votes**	**# Votes**	**% Votes**
Andrea Burfeid Castellanos	**36**	**54.5%**	**40**	**55.6%**
Paul Hamilton	30	45.5%	32	44.4%
TOTAL	**66**	**100%**	**72**	**100%**

Ordinary Members – Results

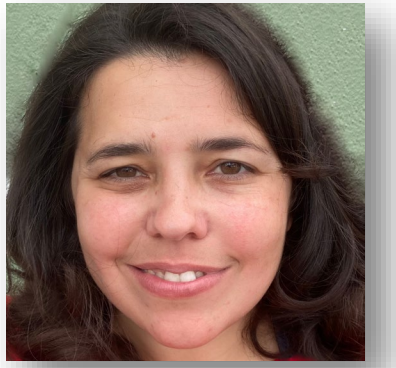
	ELIGIBLE VOTES		ALL VOTES	
Name	**# Votes**	**% Votes**	**# Votes**	**% Votes**
Carina Seitz	**44**	**33.3%**	**50**	**34.7%**
Jinpeng Zhang	15	11.4%	15	10.4%
Liu Yan	19	14.4%	20	13.9%
Min Chen	17	12.9%	18	12.5%
Somayyeh Kheiri	**37**	28.0%	**41**	**28.5**
TOTAL	**132**	**100%**	**144**	**100%**

I can confirm that the information provided to the ISDR Council is true and accurate.

Keely Mills
ISDR Treasurer
14 July 2025

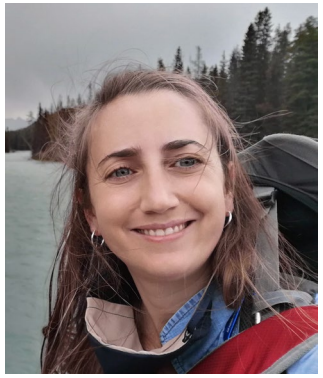
ISDR Council

Elected Vice-President, July 2025

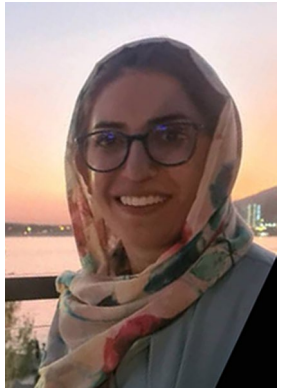


Andrea Burfeid Castellanos

Elected Council members, July 2025



Carina Seitz



Somayyeh Kheiri

Elected Early Career Representative, July 2025



Raquel Viso

ISDR Membership Fees (per year)

Standard membership	£40
Joint membership	£50
Student membership	£25
Standard membership (LDC)	£20
Student membership (LDC)	£10

Benefits:

- A global network of diatom experts
- Subscription to *Diatom Research* (printed, electronic)
- Discount for International Diatom Symposium (IDS)
- Funding for students and LDC country members to attend IDS
- ECR grants
- Student discount of 30% for Koeltz Books

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- https://isdr.org/membership/ Contact: Keely Mills, Treasurer, kmil@bgs.ac.uk
- https://isdr.org/international-diatom-symposium/
- https://isdr.org/about-isdr-grants/
- Announcements .....news/ .....opportunities/ .....networking/

  jobs meetings resources: websites, databases
- https://isdr.org/dom/ Diatom of the Month articles
- Young ISDR

  team activities social media blog

ISDR Council meetings (Zoom)

10 October 2023

18 December 2023

25 May 2024

25 November 2024

31 January 2025

4 June 2025

7 July 2025

ISDR Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

CAF bank, UK – specialist bank for charities

December 2023 – Council instructed to open bank account

November 2024 – transfer of assets completed

In progress on ISDR website: donations to ISDR diatom courses

Supporting IDS and regional diatom meetings

- reducing student registration fees - proposal to Council

IDS 2023, Yamagata, Japan, £5336

European Diatom Meeting (EDM) 2024, Lake Ochrid, Macedonia, £2645

North American Diatom Symposium (NADS) 2024, Iowa Lakeside Lab, USA, £3000

Early Career Researcher Awards

2023/2024 – 3 Type I grants, 1 Type II grant

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Promoting ISDR

Poster and PowerPoint presentation available for presentations at other meetings. Contact: andrea.burfeid@gmail.com

Diatom Research

Taylor and Francis does not offer a lower fee for online only access.

T&F local distribution centre in China in place.

Future meetings

Proposal for joint meeting with ‘Molecular Life of Diatoms’ group in 2029.

Matt Julius offered to organise meeting in Minneapolis, USA.

Council supports joint meeting – discussion with ISDR members.

Meeting format / location to be decided.

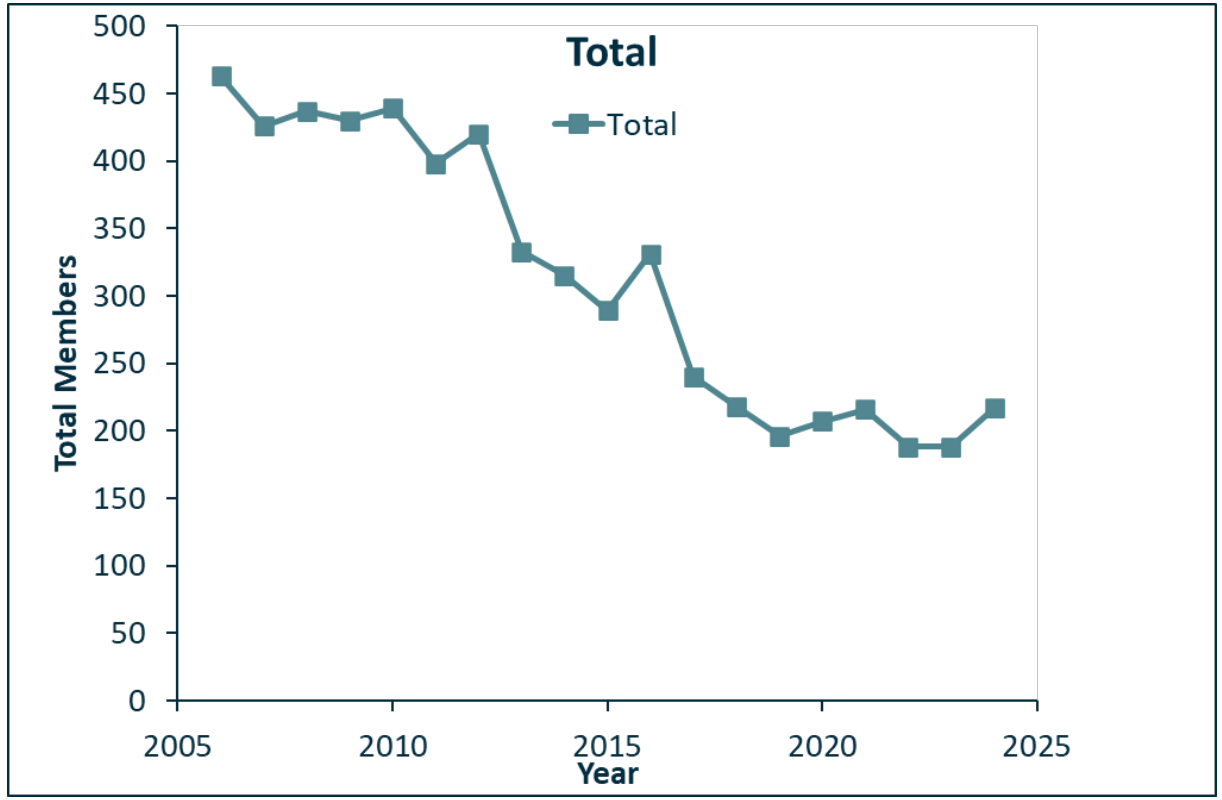
6 – Treasurer’s report

- ISDR has a good financial standing

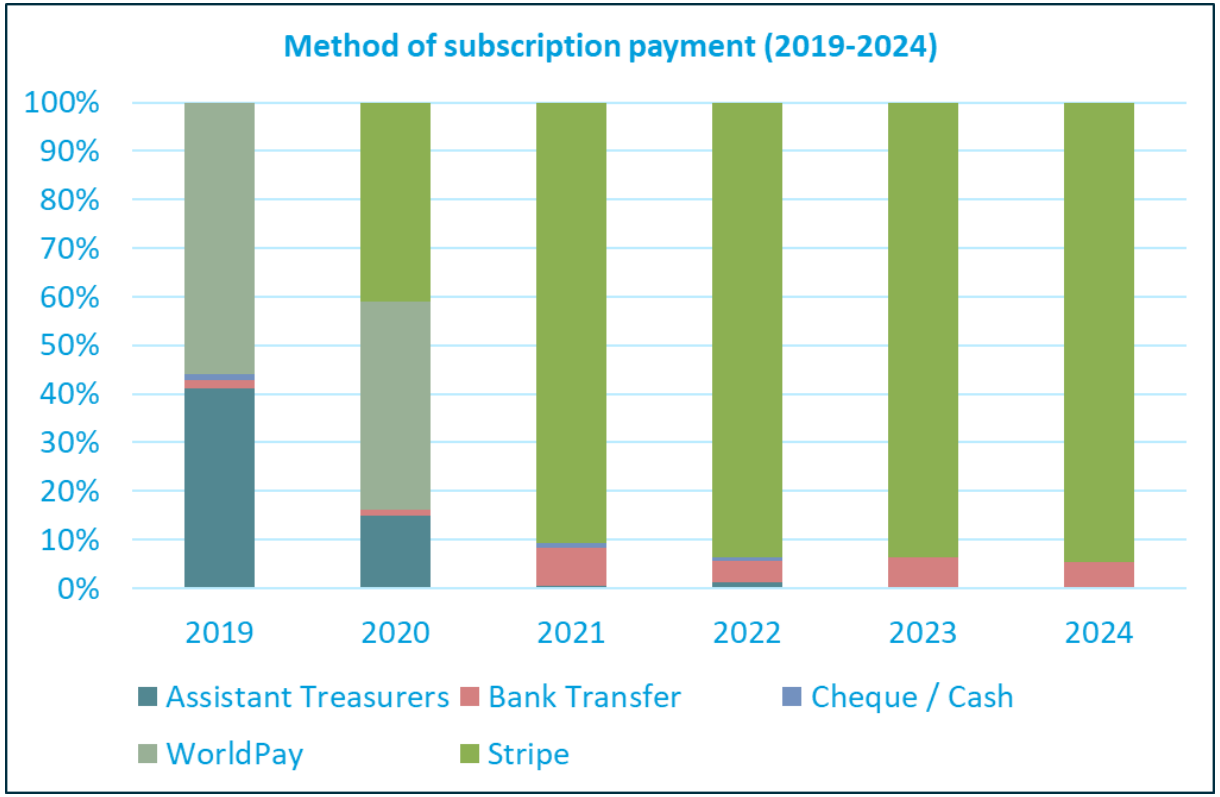
  December 2024
  - £ 68,456.42 in Current Account
  - £ 5,346.58 in Reserve

- Membership numbers have increased
  - 217 in 2024 (188 in 2023)
  - Low numbers from LMICs

- Improved retention with Stripe
  - Auto-renewal captures members
  - Small number of payments fail



- Website integrates payments & journal
  - Access via website
- Majority of payments (c. 90%) via Stripe
  - Smaller number via bank transfer
  - Stripe enables an auto-renew function
- Users in control of their data
  - Please use dashboard to keep your information up-to-date
  - Delivery addresses drawn from website
  - Treasurer cannot update your address

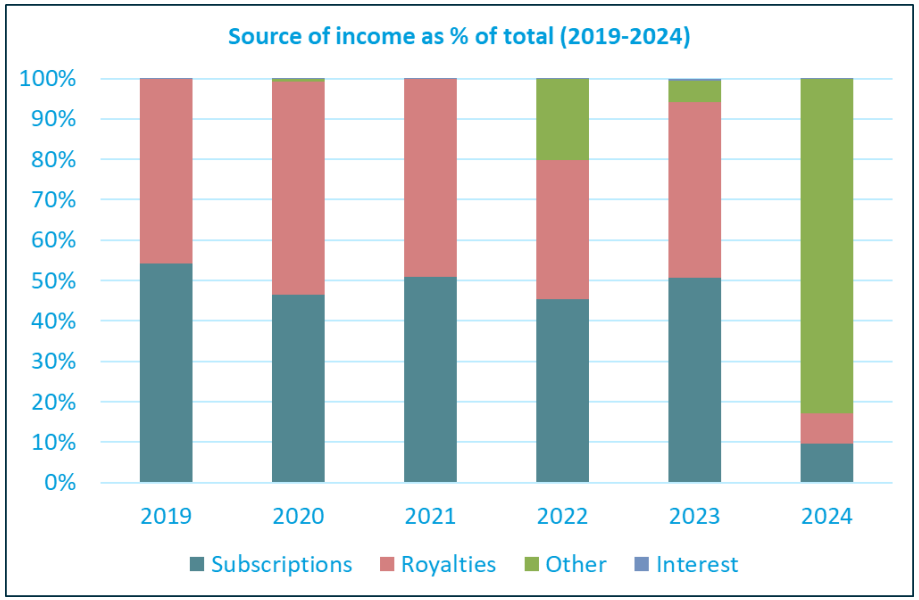


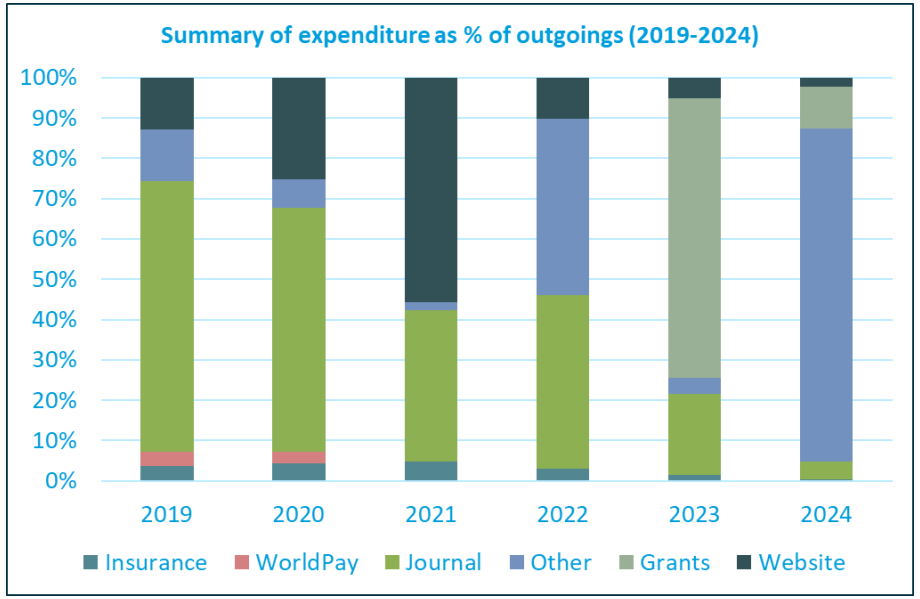
- Not aware of any serious issues
  - Let us know if you are missing copies of Diatom Research
  - We cannot replace in later years as we no longer print ‘spare’ copies

- Subscriptions run for the calendar year
  - 01 January to 31 December
  - Auto-renew is early January
  - If you sign up in June, you pay again in January
  - Notifications are sent if subscription renewal is unsuccessful

- Trying to find a way to automate receipts
  - Very time consuming – currently offering an ‘on-demand’ service

- Main sources of income
  - Subscriptions & Royalties
- Main outgoings
  - Formerly journal costs
  - Recently grant-making (yay!)
- 2024 a funny year as finances skewed due to the migration of bank account from Natwest to the CAF Bank – required as part of a structural change of the registered Charity status of ISDR
- The Treasurer's report was approved.





THE ISDR NEEDS YOU!

The ISDR is looking for a new Treasurer.

After 13 years of service the current Treasurer would like to step down due to a change of role (a move away from diatom research) and increased responsibility in their day job.

Can you help shape the role of the ISDR – speak to someone from Council or email the current Treasurer (Dr Keely Mills) at kmil@bgs.ac.uk

7 – *Diatom Research* Editor's report

Diatom Research is published by Taylor & Francis and they continue to offer consistent support.

Printed issues appear twice a year.

All papers are available online as soon as all proof stages are completed.

500 printed pages per annum.

Generous allowance (ca. 16 pages/issue) for printed colour figures, but use colour only when essential.

Use supplementary material to accommodate supporting information that is not strictly essential to the paper.

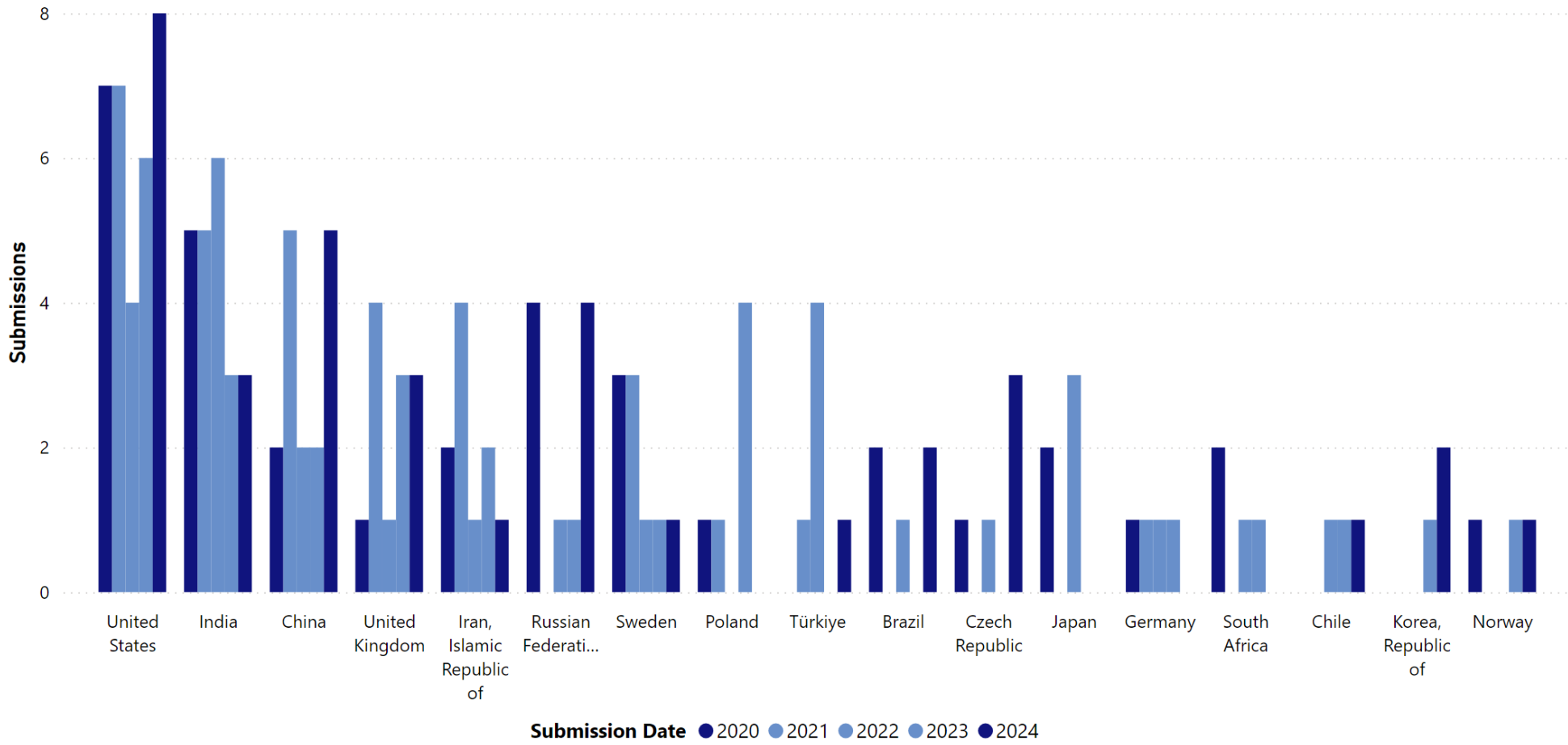
Ongoing interest in the journal: 2024: 21,864 downloads, impact factor 1.3.
2023 (1.9), 2022 (1.8), (2021 1.4).

Submissions to Diatom Research 2023 - 2025

	2023						2024						2025					
Submission Type	Accepted	Rejected	In Review	Withdrawn	Revision Overdue	**Total**	Accepted	Rejected	In Review	Withdrawn	Revision overdue	**Total**	Accepted	Rejected	In Review	Withdrawn	Revision Overdue	**Total**
Full length submission	18	9	0	0	0	**27**	20	16	3	3	1	**43**	4	5	21	0	1	**31**
Note	2	1	0	0	0	**3**	1	0	0	0	0	**1**	0	0	2	0	0	**2**
Review	0	1	0	0	0	**1**	0	1	0	0	0	**1**	0	0	2	0	0	**2**
Book Review	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	1	0	0	0	0	**1**
Introduction	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	1	0	0	**1**
Opinion Paper	1	1	0	0	0	**2**	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	1	0	0	**1**
Congress Report	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Obituary	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Special Issue Paper	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
	21	**12**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**33**	**21**	**17**	**3**	**3**	**1**	**45**	**5**	**5**	**27**	**0**	**1**	**38**

Geography of Submissions

Latest Date
03/07/2025

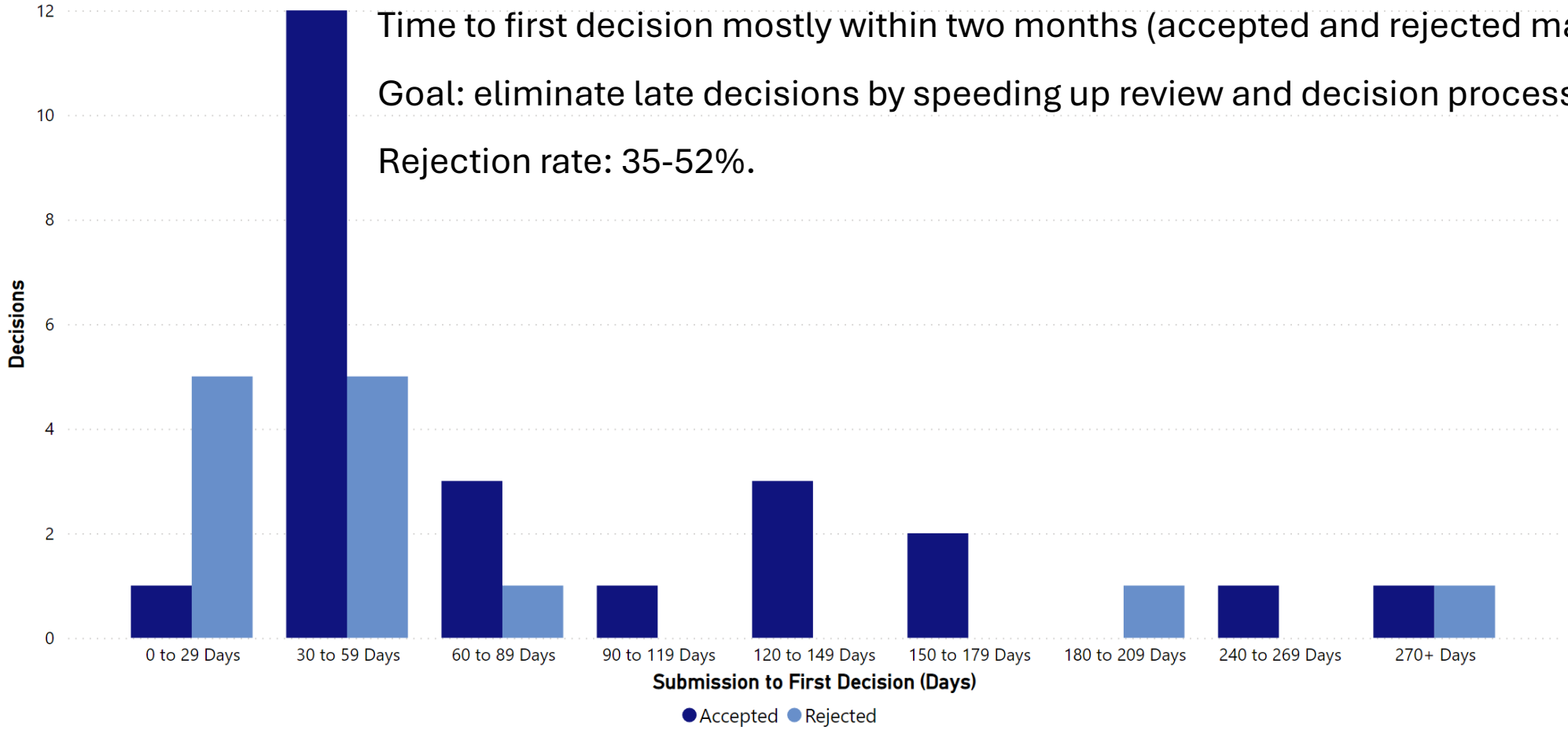


Time from Submission to First Decision (2024)

Time to first decision mostly within two months (accepted and rejected manuscripts).

Goal: eliminate late decisions by speeding up review and decision processes.

Rejection rate: 35-52%.



Geographical Distribution (2024)

Region	Submissions	Invited Reviewers	Reviewers	Publications	Usage
Africa	4%				2%
Asia	27%	13%	21%	17%	32%
Australasia		3%	4%		5%
Central & South America	7%	6%	9%	8%	9%
Europe	42%	34%	35%	54%	35%
No Region Match		29%	9%		0%
North America	20%	15%	23%	21%	18%
Total	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**

Production Schedule (Volume Years 2024 and 2025)

Online Issues

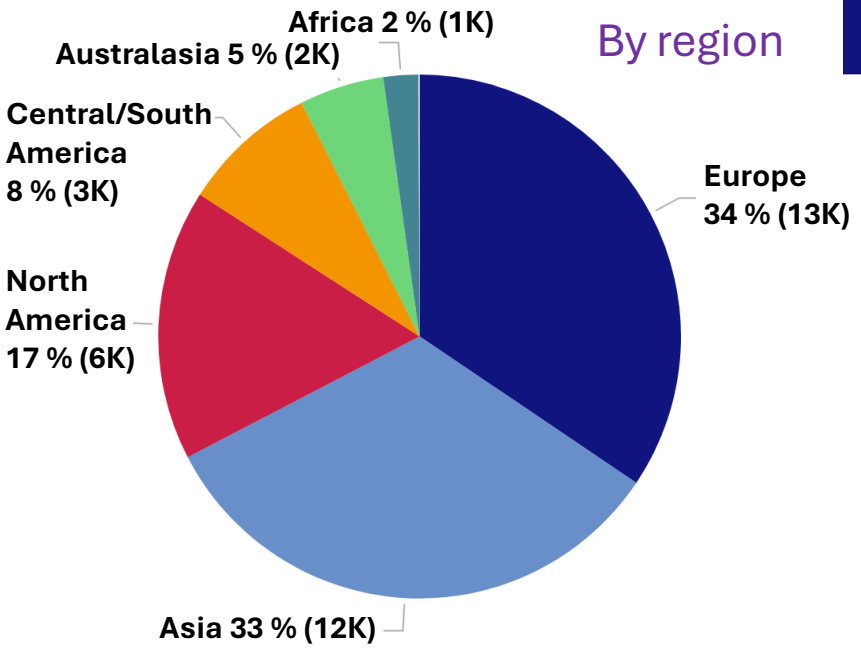
Issue Number	2024	2025
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03	27 February 2025	04 August 2025
04	26 November 2024	06 November 2025

Print Issues

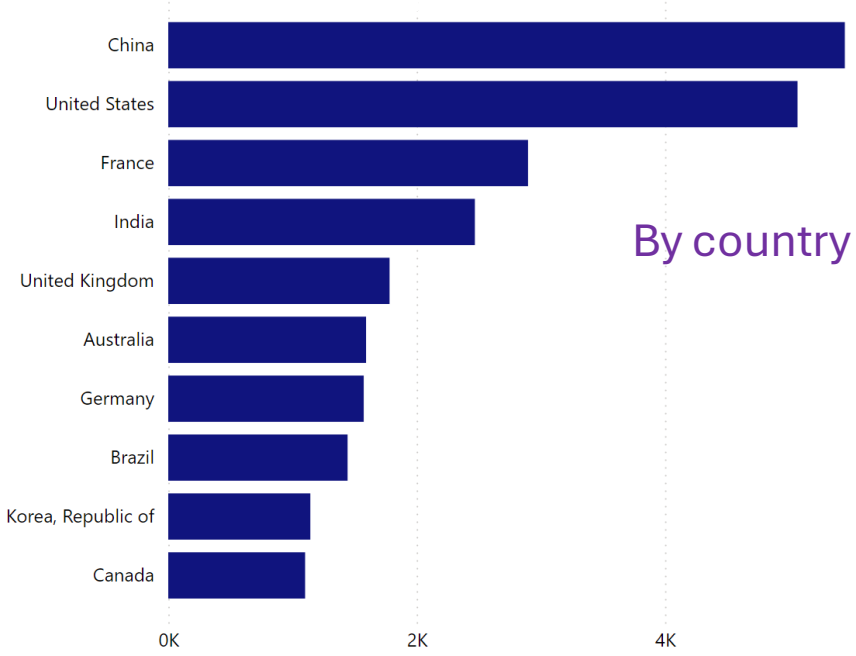
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01-02	24 September 2024	03 July 2025
03-04	08 January 2025	07 November 2025

Performance of *Diatom Research*

Year	Q2 / 2022	Q2 / 2023	Q2 / 2024	Q2 / 2025
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By region



By country

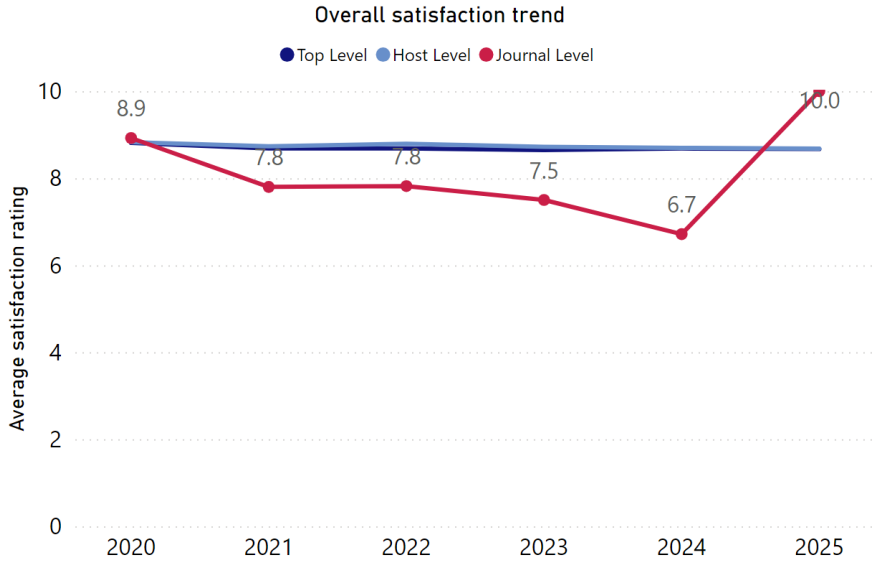
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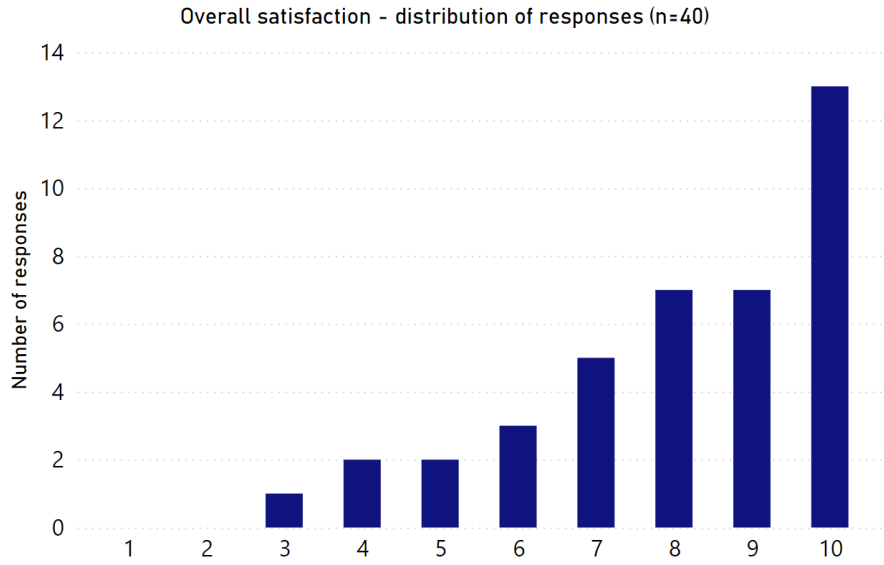
Most Downloaded Articles in the Past 12 Months (from Past Three Years)

Article Title	First Author	Volume and Issue	Number of Downloads
The effect of habitat on benthic diatoms in subarctic ponds differences between rock and sedimen...	Sonja Granqvist	Volume 39 Issue 1	633
Plate tectonics, long-distance dispersals and chance introductions can explain many trans-Pacific di...	Loren Bahls	Progress in Diatom Biogeography	589
Species of the genus Gomphonema from Haqlan hot springs, Iraq, with the description of two new speci...	Adil Yousif Al-Handal	Volume 40 Issue 2	550
Filling reference libraries with diatom environmental sequences: strengths and weaknesses	Hristina Kochoska	Volume 38 Issue 2	395
Morphological and molecular characterization of two potentially toxigenic species of the genus Pseud...	Lorenzo A. Botavara	Volume 39 Issue 4	348
Entomoneis grisslehamnensis, a New Diatom (Bacillariophyceae) from the Baltic Coast of Sweden with t...	Adil Yousif Al-Handal	Volume 38 Issue 1	292
Determination of water quality and trophic level by using epilithic diatoms in	Tümer Orhun Aykut	Volume 39 Issue 3	283
Morphological and physiological responses of the cosmopolitan marine diatom Thalassiosira rotula to ...	Diana Varela	Volume 39 Issue 2	221

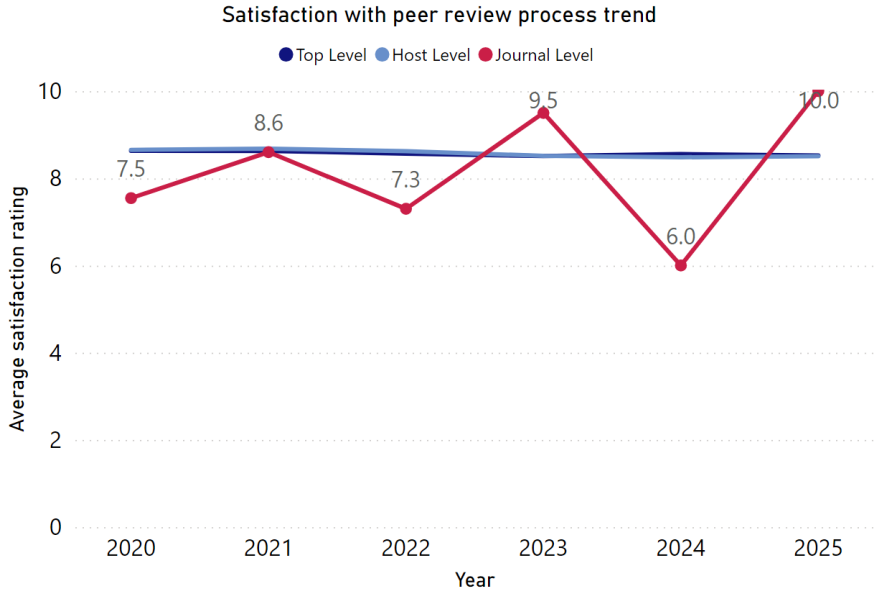
Author survey

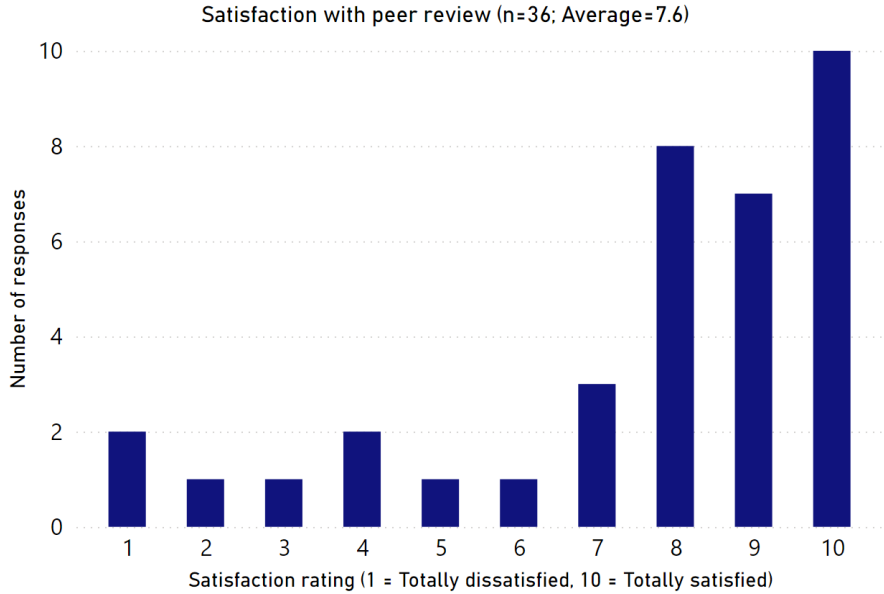
Overall satisfaction





Refereeing process





Editor-in-Chief

Richard Jordan
Yamagata University
Japan

Review and recruitment of Associate Editors in progress

Associate Editors

Nelida Abarca, Botanic Garden and Botanical Museum, Berlin, Germany
Bank Beszteri, University Duisburg-Essen, Germany
Rebecca J. Bixby, University of New Mexico, USA
Eilen J. Cox, The Natural History Museum, London, UK
Ruth Eriksen, University of Tasmania, Australia
Matthew Julius, St. Cloud State University, USA
Yuji Kato, Kochi University, Japan
Peter Kroth, University of Konstanz, Germany
Roksana Majewska, Nord University, Bodø, Norway
Luca Pellegrino, Torino University, Italy
Lihua Ran, Institute of Oceanography, Hangzhou, China
Patrick Rioual, Inst. of Geology and Geophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China
Koen Sabbe, Ghent University, Belgium
Megumi Saito-Kato, National Museum of Nature and Science, Japan
Jeffery Stone, Indiana State University, USA
Jonathan Taylor, North West University South Africa
Aleksandra Zgrundo, University of Gdansk, Poland
Zlatko Levkov, Saints Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje, Macedonia

Associate Editors

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the above for their hard work.

The peer review process is carried out by the Associate Editors, who solicit reviewers for the manuscripts – which is not an easy task, given that many researchers are not always willing to spend their time reviewing manuscripts. However, this is an essential part of maintaining the high quality of our journal.

We would like to ask our members to consider being reviewers for our journal, when contacted by our AEs.

Several AEs have been working for the journal for many years and have indicated a desire to step down.

We are always looking for new Associate Editors, if you have an interest please contact one of the Editorial Board members.

Finally, thanks to the publishing team at T&F for their continued support in producing our journal.

8 – Early Career Representatives' report

Who are we?

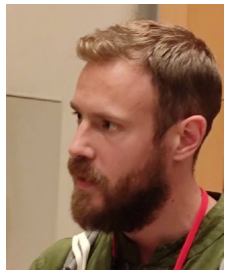
The Young ISDR Core Team – established at the IDS 2023, Yamagata, Japan



Andrea Burfeid Castellanos (ECR rep)



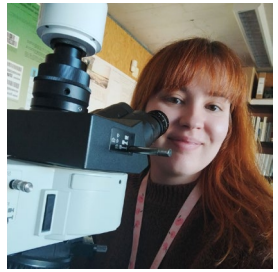
Kálmán Tapolczai (ECR rep)



Luca Pellegrino (Outreach Officer)



Caroline McKenzie (Retired Young ISDR Team and Twitter Expert)



Raquel Viso Rodríguez (Social Media Magician)

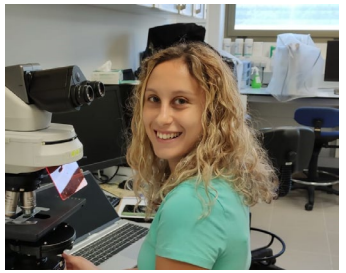


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Diatom of the Month



Rafał M. Olszyński



Paula Mendoza



Hirak Parikh

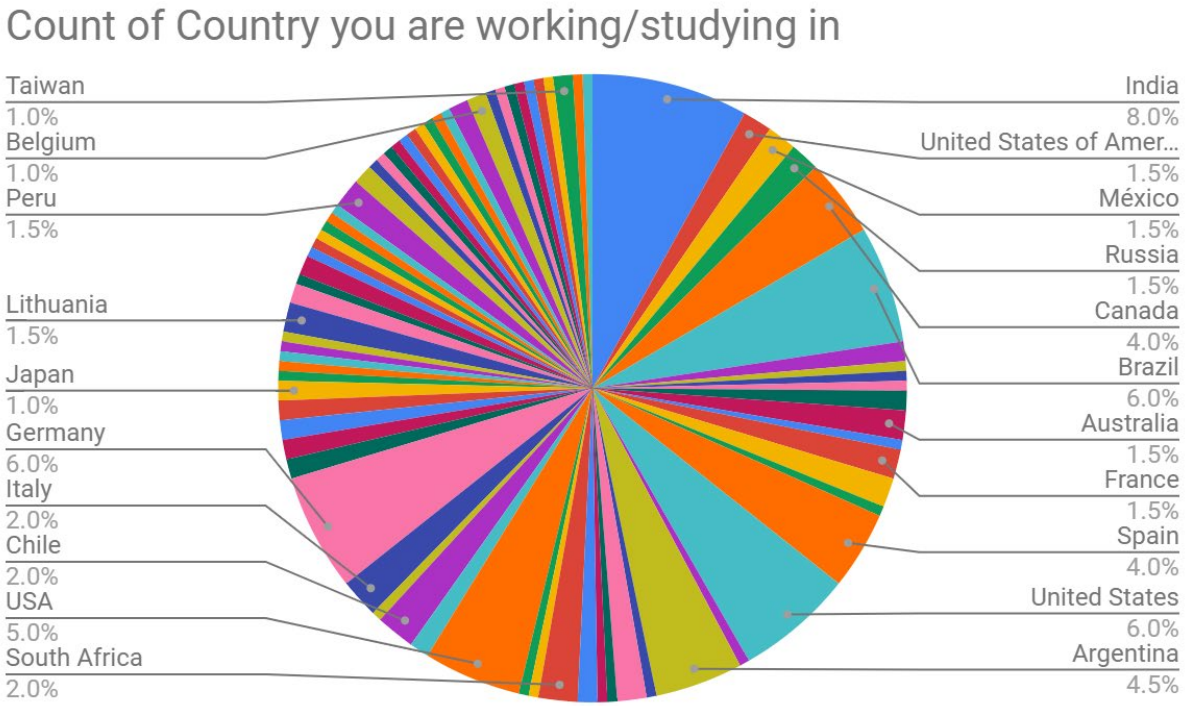
Regular meetings of the Core Team since IDS in Yamagata

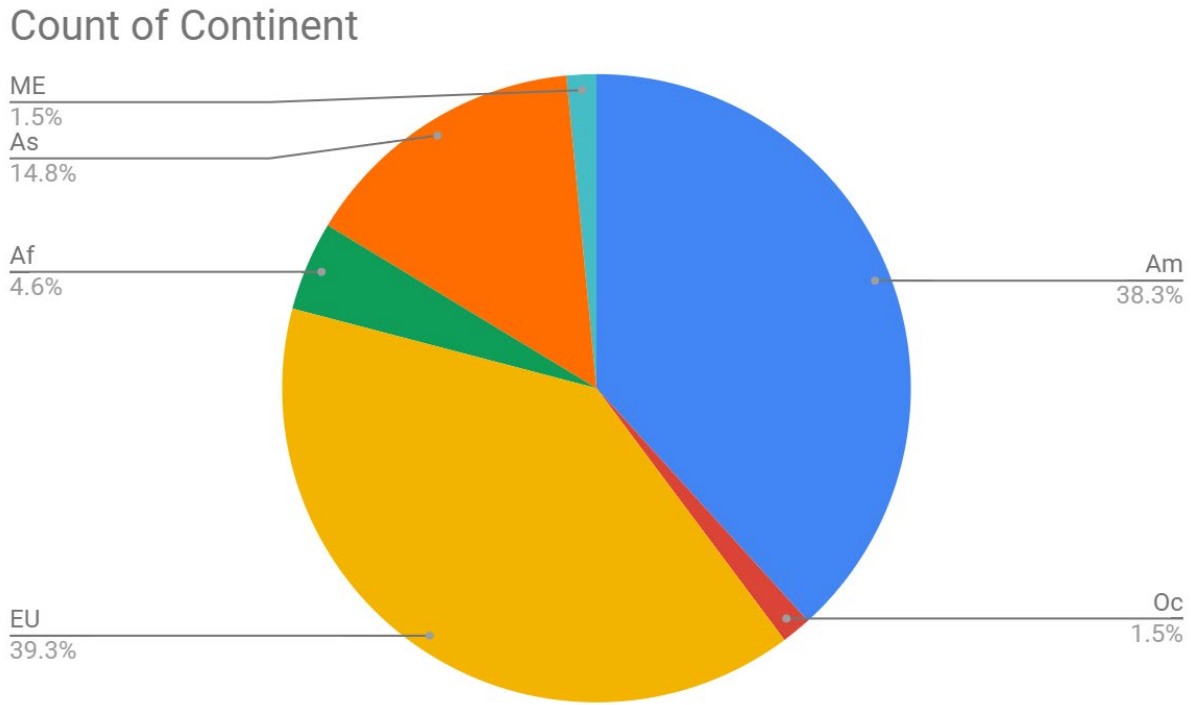
- 2023: 3 meetings
- 2024: 7 meetings
- 2025: 2 meetings

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2023									1	1		1
2024	1	1			1	1					2	1
2025		1				1						

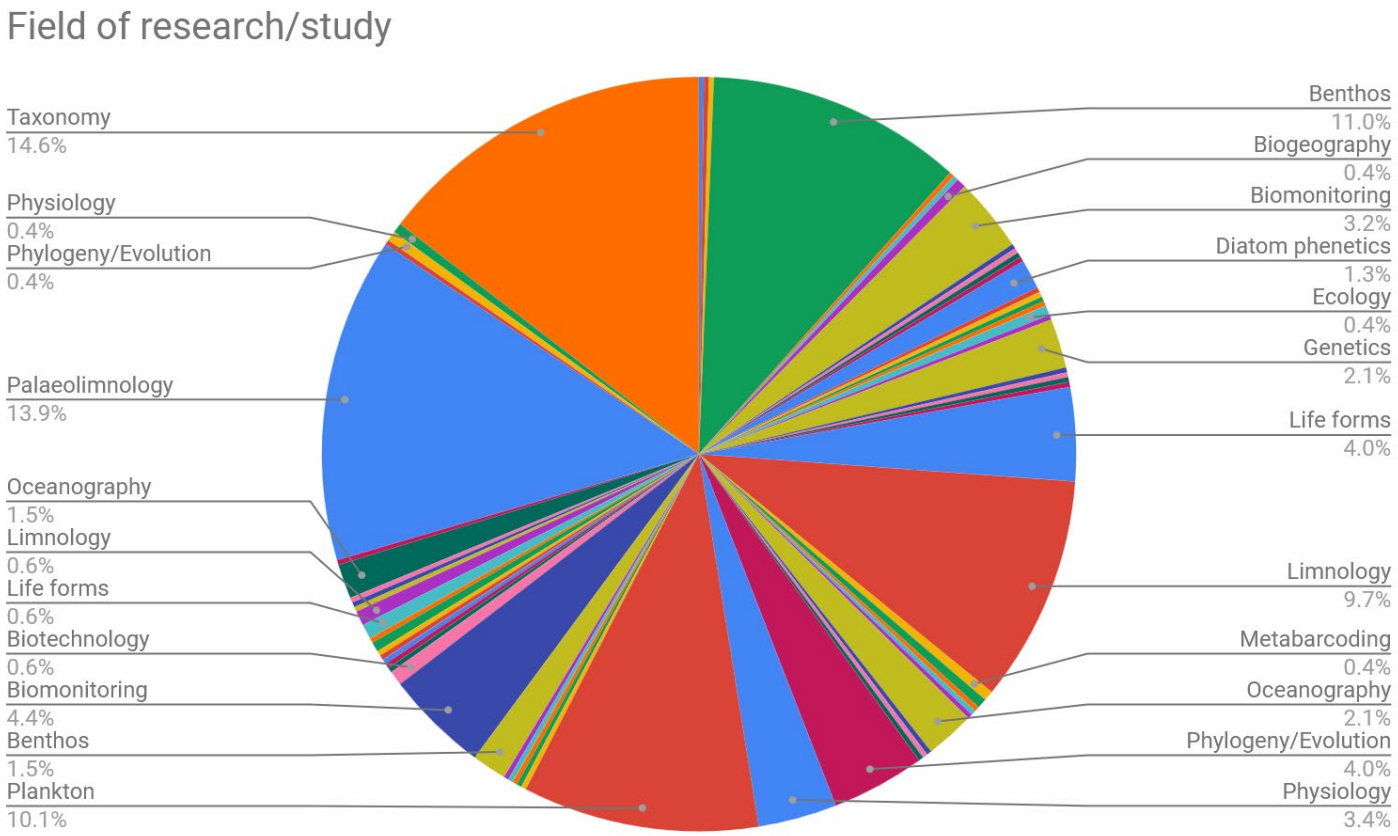
Membership origin

- 147 members (according to the google group)





Membership’s field of research



Online seminars



46 participants

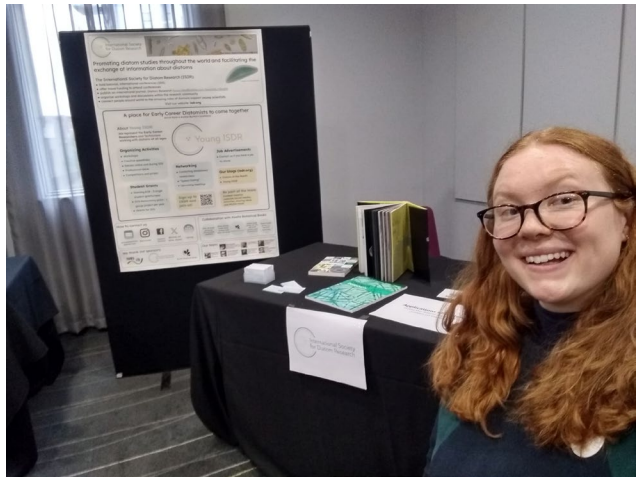


75 participants

Conferences with Young ISDR representation

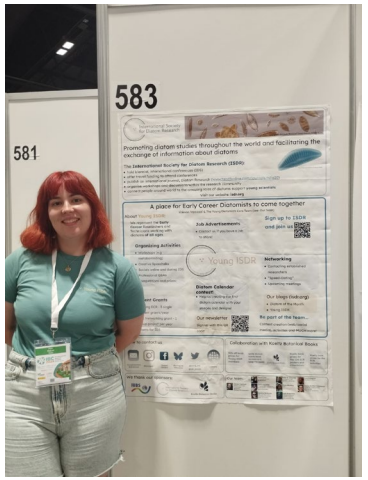
- Festival of Algae by Algae-UK, 2023, 2024
- LXIV. Hidrobiológus Napok organised by the Hungarian Hydrological Society, 2023
- Annual meeting of the Forum of Phycologists, 2023
- 15th European Diatom Meeting (https://isdr.org/15th-european-diatom-meeting-memories/)





Conferences with Young ISDR representation

- International Botanical Congress (IBC), 2024
- 41st International Conference of the Polish Phycological Society, Poznań - Będlewo, Poland, June 3-7, 2024
- 42nd International Conference of the Polish Phycological Society, Białystok - Tykocin, Poland, May 27-30, 2025
- 13th International Phycological Congress (IPC13), Panglao, Bohol, Philippines, June 8–13, 2025 (https://isdr.org/from-evolution-to-invasion-diatom-stories-from-ipc13-in-panglao-philippines/)





Young ISDR networking event at the 15th EDM



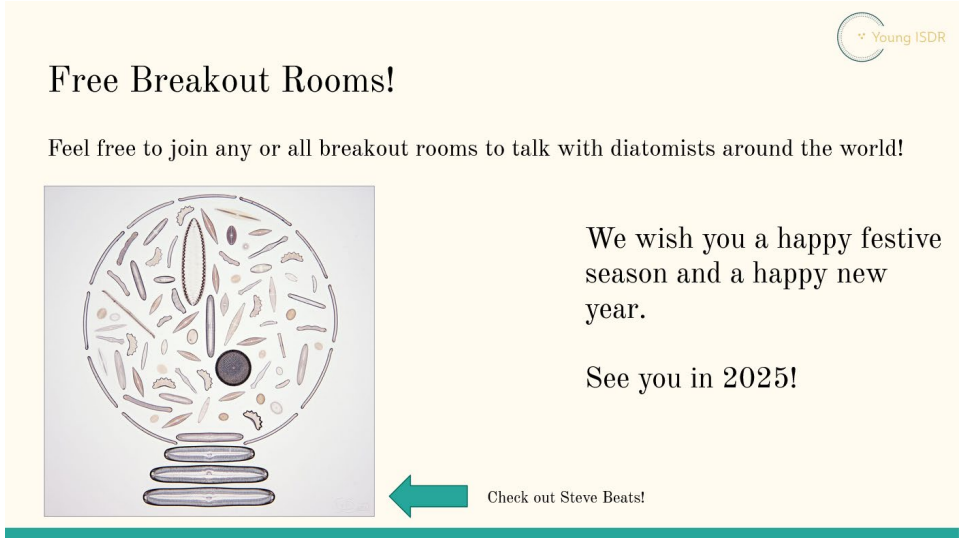


ISDR ECR Grant meetings

- June 26th 2024 15h UTC+2
- America, July 8th 2025, 10h UTC-8
  - 11 participants, with contributions from awardees: Sulastri Arsad, Maria Gabriela Junqueira, Maria Lujan García
- Asia, July 21st 2025, 14h UTC +8
  - with contributions from awardees: Sulastri Arsad, Xavier Benito
- Africa & Europe, August 7th, 9h30 UTC+2

Winter Solstice parties

- **December 22nd 2023 at 15h CET**
  - **34 participants**
- **December 20th 2024 at 14:00**
  - **83 participants, 179 minutes**





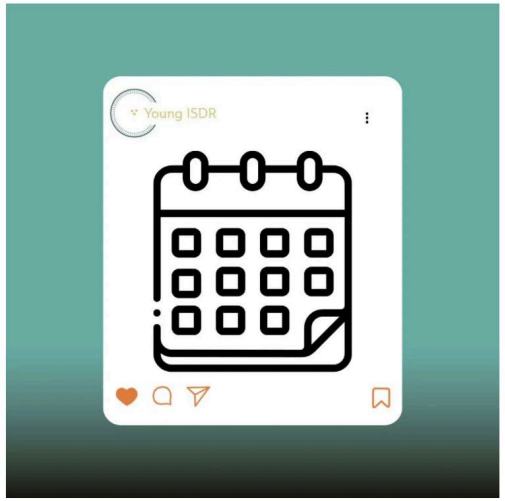


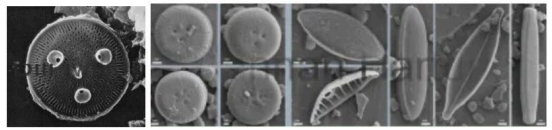
Young ISDR Calendar 2025

- The inaugural Diatom Calendar was launched in 2025, featuring contributions (37 images, comprising light and scanning electron microscope photomicrographs and artworks) from 23 diatomists from all around the world. A new season is set to begin in 2026.

Young ISDR Calendar 2025 – Winners selected

by Young ISDR Calendar Subgroup |



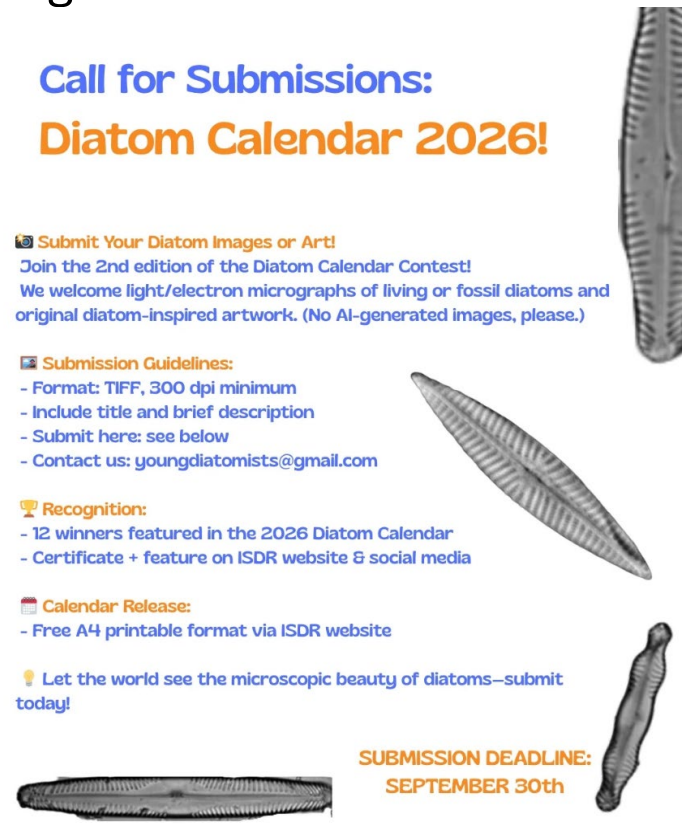


Selection is done

Thanks to the numerous participation of the membership, we have now selected 15 images to be made into the first Young ISDR Calendar.

Next steps

The calendars are being designed and will be announced very soon. The winners have been notified and thanked for their fantastic contributions. Looking forward to a very cool first



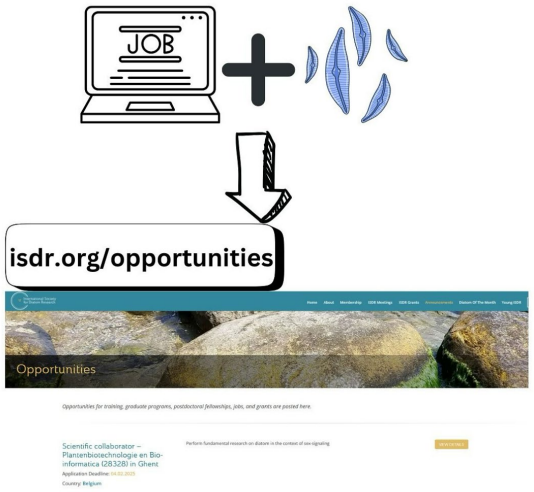
Summary of activities on social media

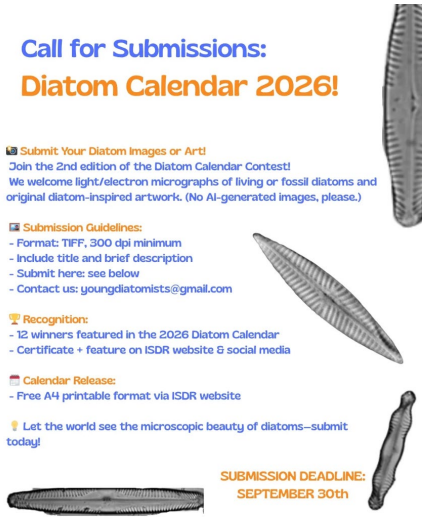
- We are on all the popular social media sites
  - Facebook (Diatomi discipuli) – 258 „friends”
  - Bsky (youngisdr) – 60 Followers
  - LinkedIn (Young ISDR) – 69 connections
  - Instagram (youngisdr) – 406 followers

Young ISDR Instagram

- Video section (How did you get started with diatoms? Tips for young diatomists)
- Job opportunities announcement
- Dinktember (Interactive activities via Instagram Stories (quizzes, photo sharing, questions, fun facts), with results revealed during the online Winter Solstice celebration)
- Post International Day of Women and Girls in Science (A compilation of genera and species named in honor of women)
- ECR representative election
- Post review of the upcoming meetings and courses
- Earth day post
- Questions for young researchers: a survey on aspects to consider for improving participation in the European Diatom Meetings
- Diatom calendar 2026!

Young ISDR Instagram











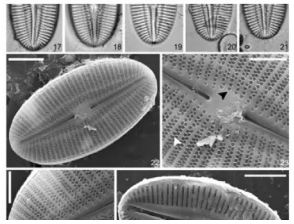




Diatom of the Month

This series publishes blog posts highlighting new findings, intriguing aspects of diatom biology, and their role as invaluable indicators of environmental changes across various ecosystems. Each post is designed to communicate discoveries in a simplified, engaging manner, fostering dialogue among taxonomists, biologists, ecologists, and a broad audience that includes students, policymakers, and the general public.

- As of the beginning of 2025, we will be publishing one post each month
- From September 2023, we have published 18 posts about diatoms



Evolution and Morphological Diversity of the Genus Diploneis in Lake Malawi

by Hirak Parikh
January 8th, 2025

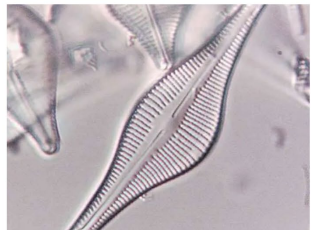
Lake Malawi, one of the world's oldest and most ecologically significant freshwater systems, harbors exceptional biotic diversity.



The hidden architects of aquatic ecosystems: ecosystem services provided by diatoms

by Kálmán Tapolczai
May 1st, 2025

Diatoms are more than just microscopic algae; they are key players in global ecosystems, providing essential services that support life on Earth.



The Foulden Maar Diatomite, a terrestrial Konservat-Lagerstätte in southern New Zealand

by Uwe Kaulfuss and Daphne Lee
July 2nd, 2025

In green fields grazed by sheep and cattle at Foulden Hills near the township of Middlemarch in Otago, southern New Zealand lies a small, inconspicuous diatomite pit which holds the [...]



Cyclotella alvarniensis: Fossil No More?

by Guillermo Quevedo-Ortiz
June 1st, 2025

Once considered an extinct Miocene diatom, Cyclotella alvarniensis has now been found in modern aquatic habitats, challenging its fossil status. This discovery opens new questions about its ecology, dispersal, and overlooked presence in contemporary ecosystems.

11 – IDS 2027

6–10 August 2027

Prague, Czech Republic
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INTERNATIONAL DIATOM SYMPOSIUM PRAGUE 2027

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Faculty of Science
Charles University

Kateřina Kopalová – Main organizer
Jana Kulichová
Jan Kollár
Raquel Viso - Young ISDR
Aloisie Poulíčková – Head of scientific committee







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Czech Phycological Society

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PRAGUE AS A CONGRESS DESTINATION

The city of a hundred spires on the Vltava river is known to people from all around the world.

- One of the most beautiful cities in the world
- Strategic location with excellent transport connectivity
- Accommodation for all categories
- One of the best-preserved cultural centres in Europe
- A “great value for money” city






10 REASONS WHY PRAGUE

Prague's Attractiveness
Prague can offer its visitors UNESCO World heritage sites, 103 theatres and 184 galleries.

Prague is a Safe City
According to the Global Peace Index (2024), the Czech Republic is ranked the 12th safest country in the World.

Hundreds of Years of Academic Tradition
The year 2025 marks more than 675 years of academic tradition since the foundation of Charles University in Prague in 1348.

Potential for Best Attendance
In 2024 Prague ranked 6th among the most popular congress cities in the World (ICCA Statistics).

Short-distance Concept
The short distances make congresses in Prague convenient for all participating delegates.

An Excellent Location and Accessible City
There are 43 countries within a 3-hour flight.

Among the top 10 world's best cities in the world
According to the renowned British Magazine Time Out, Prague ranks as the 6th best city in the World. (2022)

Friendly Accommodation Prices
According to the annual analysis of the Trivago Hotel Price Index 2024, Prague has one of the lowest accommodation prices in Europe.

The Best Value Destination
The annual study of British firm, Post Office, declared Prague the winner of the "Best Value" category out of all listed destinations.

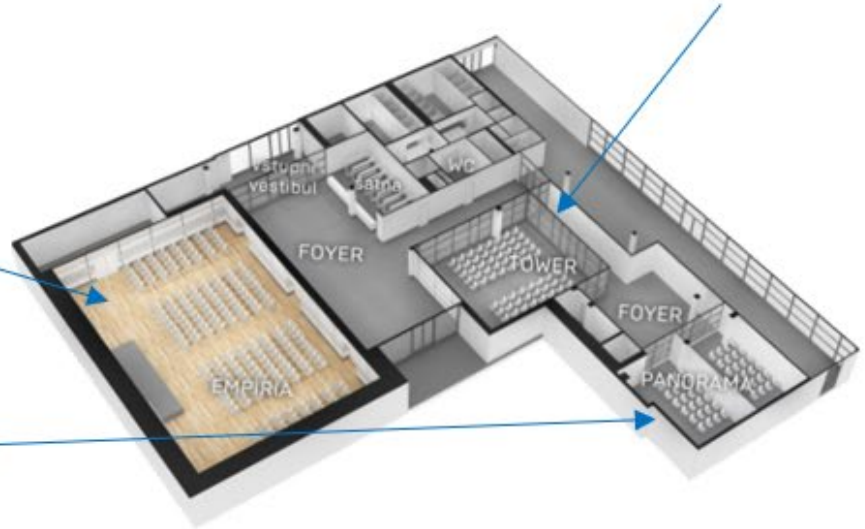
Scientific Community
Strong scientific teams, institutes and universities.

SUGGESTED CONFERENCE CENTRE CITY

- Location – easy access, just 150 m from the „red“ metro station Pankrác
- Capacity – 1000 sqm, 3 rooms, max. capacity 480 seated persons
- Variability in space – 3 seperate rooms, a total of 5 sections, 2 foyer
- Cafe Empiria – restaurant with 360 seats

Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Coctail
100	60	72	90

Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Coctail
300	160	176	280



Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Coctail
80	40	56	70







INTERNATIONAL DIATOM SYMPOSIUM PRAGUE 2027

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See you in Prague in 2027

www.ids2027prague.org

12 – Other meetings

9-12 September 2025	**43ème Colloque ADLAF**	Rouen, France
September 2025	**Russian Diatom Meeting**	Vladivostok, Russia
5-8 January 2026	**British Phycological Society Meeting**	Aberystwyth, United Kingdom
19-21 February 2026	**International Conference on Algal and Cyanobacterial Biology (ICACB-2026)**	Varanasi, India
12-16 May 2026	**2026 ASLO-SIL Joint Meeting**	Montreal, Canada
6-10 July 2026	**European Diatom Meeting**	Murcia, Spain
28 January -3 February 2027	**XXII INQUA 2027**	Lucknow, India
4-8 July 2027	**Molecular Life of Diatoms**	Wuhan, China
6-10 August 2027	**International Diatom Symposium**	Prague, Czech Republic

International Society for Diatom Research

16th European Diatom Meeting

6th–10th July 2026 Murcia, Spain

Website on: 21st September 2025

Abstract submission and registration opens: 16th November 2025

Deadline for abstract submission: 17th April 2026

Notification of abstract acceptance 29th May 2026

6th July	7th July	8th July	9th July	10th July
Registration and Workshops	**Topic:** Diatoms as indicators of past and present environmental change	**Topic:** Diatoms in the era of big data and integrative biology	**Topic:** Diatoms as ecosystem players and tools for sustainability	Field trips
	Oral sessions	Oral sessions	Oral sessions	
Workshops	Oral sessions	Oral sessions	Oral sessions	
Networking + Young Diatomists	Poster session	Poster session	Social dinner	

Proposed joint meeting 2029
International Society for Diatom Research / Molecular Life of Diatoms group

Matt Julius offered organising the meeting in Minneapolis, USA; anticipated size ca. 400 participants

Discussion, AGM 2025: of 25 members participating: 23 supportive, 1 abstained, 1 opposed.

Pros / solutions

2 separate meetings that overlap.

1 meeting with joint morning sessions, parallel afternoon sessions.

Joint sessions only to introduce all aspects of diatom research to all attendees, no parallel sessions as these would divide audiences along traditional lines.

Rigorous selection of talks, majority of talks by ECRs.

High interest in molecular studies; range of molecular topics could be expanded by including more presentations on phylogeny / diatom evolution.

New collaborations, more combination of morphological and molecular methods; special event to meet potential collaborators.

Molecular studies might benefit from support by taxonomists to improve taxon identification.

Information on the function of morphological structures / their relevance for identification.

Potential to attract additional sponsorship.

Generation of profit to invest in special event for ECRs.

Joint meeting every 4 years.

Cons

High registration costs, need for professional conference organiser.

Meeting size, limited opportunities to interact.

MLD attendees might outnumber ISDR members.

Too many submissions, limited time and reduced opportunity to present on traditional topics of interest to ISDR members.

Limited relevance to research by ISDR members, one or few topics might dominate; MLD 2025: most talks were on cell biology and physiology, few talks on phylogeny or molecular interaction between species.

MDL uses diatoms as proxies, rather than study of diatoms as organisms.

Unlikely to recruit new members from the MLD group due to different focus of ISDR research.

Contributes to the decline of organism based societies, meetings and science.

Meeting in the USA: problems obtaining US visas – high costs, logistical problems organising travel (long waiting times for visa decisions, e.g. for students 1 month before meeting); colleagues from certain countries might be excluded because they might not be given visas.

Future meetings - general comments

Separate joint meeting ISDR/MLD with focus on molecular studies only, but not as a substitute to IDS.

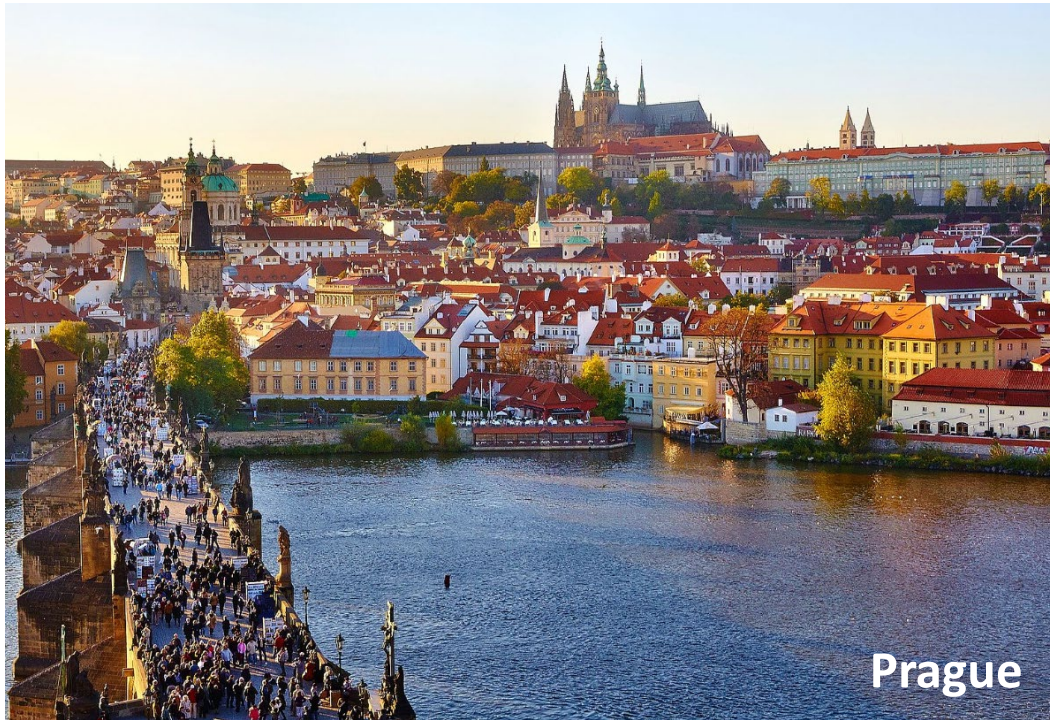
Poster sessions with short (2-3 minutes) PowerPoint presentations.

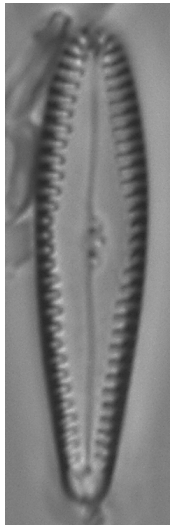
Balasubramanian Karthick: proposal IDS 2029 in India.

Time: late August/early September 2029
Venue: resort near Puna
Pre- and post-conference excursions
Guaranteed support from home institution and state of Maharashtra
Good airlinks to all continents via Abu Dhabi/Dubai or Singapore/Bangkok
No travel restrictions for colleagues from certain countries

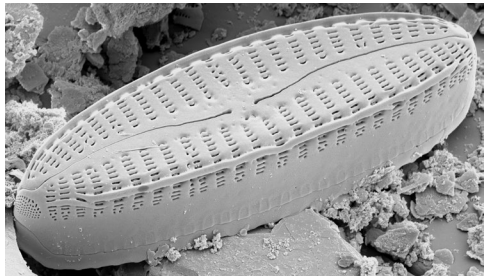
13 – AOB

Thank you very much!
See you at the IDS 2027 in the Czech Republic

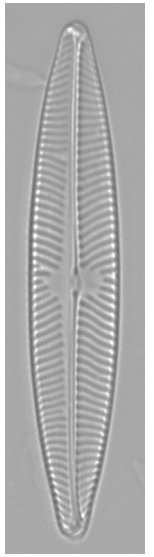














International Society for Diatom Research

Financial Statement for the Period 01 January to 31 December 2025

	£	£
Balances in account - 01 January 2025		
Current Account	68,456.42	
Reserve Account	5,346.58	
	TOTAL	**73,803.00**
INCOME		
Subscription Payments	8,648.22	
Interest (Reserve)	10.64	
Interest (Current)	154.21	
Royalties from Diatom Research (T&F)	7,336.59	
Other payments	2,586.00	
	TOTAL	**18,735.66**
(a) Balance 01 Jan + Income (Jan-Dec 2025)	**TOTAL**	**92,538.66**
(b) Expenditure (Jan-Dec 2025)	**TOTAL**	**9,218.68**
(a) - (b) = Balance 31 December (2025)		**83,319.98**

	£	£
EXPENDITURE		
Liability insurance	332.68	
Taylor & Francis Invoice - Diatom Research	4,100.00	
Grant-Making Activities	3,600.00	
Website Maintenance	1,020.00	
Monthly Account Fees (Reserve)	60.00	
Monthly Account Fees (Current)	60.00	
Other	46.00	
	TOTAL	**9,218.68**
Balances in Bank - 31 December 2025		
Current Account	78,022.76	
Reserve Account	5,297.22	
Cash in hand	**TOTAL**	**83,319.98**

Keely Mills

Honorary Treasurer (30-October-2026)

International Society for Diatom Research - Accounts January to December 2025

ISDR Reserve Statement

Account No: 00037340 [CAF Bank]

Date	*Transaction*	*£ Credit*	*£ Debit*	*Balance*
	Balance brought forward from 2024			**£ 5,346.58**
15-Jan-25	Monthly account fee		£ 5.00	£ 5,341.58
17-Feb-25	Monthly account fee		£ 5.00	£ 5,336.58
17-Mar-25	Monthly account fee		£ 5.00	£ 5,331.58
26-Mar-25	Interest	£ 2.64		£ 5,334.22
15-Apr-25	Monthly account fee		£ 5.00	£ 5,329.22
15-May-25	Monthly account fee		£ 5.00	£ 5,324.22
16-Jun-25	Monthly account fee		£ 5.00	£ 5,319.22
26-Jun-25	Interest	£ 2.68		£ 5,321.90
15-Jul-25	Monthly account fee		£ 5.00	£ 5,316.90
15-Aug-25	Monthly account fee		£ 5.00	£ 5,311.90
15-Sep-25	Monthly account fee		£ 5.00	£ 5,306.90
26-Sep-25	Interest	£ 2.68		£ 5,309.58
15-Oct-25	Monthly account fee		£ 5.00	£ 5,304.58
17-Nov-25	Monthly account fee		£ 5.00	£ 5,299.58
15-Dec-25	Monthly account fee		£ 5.00	£ 5,294.58
29-Dec-25	Interest	£ 2.64		£ 5,297.22
	Closing balance as of 31 December 2025			**£ 5,297.22**

ISDR Current Account Statement

Account No: 00037339 [CAF Bank]

Date	*Transaction*	*£ Credit*	*£ Debit*	*Balance*
	Balance brought forward from 2024			**£ 68,456.42**
02-Jan-25	Big Idea Creative - Website Maintenance		£ 85.00	£ 68,371.42
06-Jan-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£ 39.32		£ 68,410.74
13-Jan-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£ 6,745.13		£ 75,155.87
15-Jan-25	Monthly account fee		£ 5.00	£ 75,150.87
17-Jan-25	Subscription (Personal) - International Bank Transfer	£ 40.49		£ 75,191.36
20-Jan-25	Subscription (Belgian Members) - International Bank Trar	£ 335.66		£ 75,527.02
27-Jan-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£ 100.17		£ 75,627.19
03-Feb-25	T & F Royalties	£ 2,500.00		£ 78,127.19
03-Feb-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£ 77.96		£ 78,205.15
03-Feb-25	Big Idea Creative - Website Maintenance		£ 85.00	£ 78,120.15
05-Feb-25	STRIPE - Refund for duplicate payment		£ 40.00	£ 78,080.15
17-Feb-25	Monthly account fee		£ 5.00	£ 78,075.15
19-Feb-25	Taylor & Francis Invoice - Diatom Research		£ 4,100.00	£ 73,975.15
24-Feb-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£ 62.21		£ 74,037.36
03-Mar-25	Subscription (Personal) - International Bank Transfer	£ 25.00		£ 74,062.36
03-Mar-25	T & F Royalties	£ 4,836.59		£ 78,898.95
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10-Mar-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£ 48.35		£ 79,005.26
17-Mar-25	Monthly account fee		£ 5.00	£ 79,000.26
25-Mar-25	Subscription (Personal) - International Bank Transfer	£ 25.00		£ 79,025.26
26-Mar-25	Interest	£ 37.10		£ 79,062.36
31-Mar-25	Subscription (Personal) - International Bank Transfer	£ 38.27		£ 79,100.63
01-Apr-25	Big Idea Creative - Website Maintenance		£ 85.00	£ 79,015.63
01-Apr-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£ 77.46		£ 79,093.09
10-Apr-25	ISDR Grant - Junqueira		£ 1,600.00	£ 77,493.09
14-Apr-25	Subscription (Personal) - International Bank Transfer	£ 40.00		£ 77,533.09
15-Apr-25	Monthly account fee		£ 5.00	£ 77,528.09
28-Apr-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£ 24.25		£ 77,552.34
01-May-25	Big Idea Creative - Website Maintenance		£ 85.00	£ 77,467.34
12-May-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£ 103.14		£ 77,570.48

15-May-25	Monthly account fee			£	5.00	£ 77,565.48
02-Jun-25	Big Idea Creative - Website Maintenance			£	85.00	£ 77,480.48
04-Jun-25	ISDR Grant - Arsad (via TorFX)			£	2,000.00	£ 75,480.48
16-Jun-25	Monthly account fee			£	5.00	£ 75,475.48
16-Jun-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£	38.57			£ 75,514.05
23-Jun-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£	39.07			£ 75,553.12
24-Jun-25	Subscription (Personal) - International Bank Transfer	£	25.00			£ 75,578.12
26-Jun-25	Interest	£	38.96			£ 75,617.08
01-Jul-25	Big Idea Creative - Website Maintenance			£	85.00	£ 75,532.08
11-Jul-25	IUBS Grant Award for IDS 2025	£	2,586.00			£ 78,118.08
11-Jul-25	SWIFT Payment - Charges			£	6.00	£ 78,112.08
14-Jul-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£	23.32			£ 78,135.40
15-Jul-25	Monthly account fee			£	5.00	£ 78,130.40
21-Jul-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£	87.34			£ 78,217.74
28-Jul-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£	39.32			£ 78,257.06
01-Aug-25	Big Idea Creative - Website Maintenance			£	85.00	£ 78,172.06
15-Aug-25	Subscription (Personal) - International Bank Transfer	£	10.00			£ 78,182.06
15-Aug-25	Monthly account fee			£	5.00	£ 78,177.06
26-Aug-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£	23.57			£ 78,200.63
26-Aug-25	Subscription (Personal) - International Bank Transfer	£	25.00			£ 78,225.63
01-Sep-25	Big Idea Creative - Website Maintenance			£	85.00	£ 78,140.63
01-Sep-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£	23.82			£ 78,164.45
08-Sep-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£	24.07			£ 78,188.52
15-Sep-25	Monthly account fee			£	5.00	£ 78,183.52
26-Sep-25	Interest	£	39.20			£ 78,222.72
29-Sep-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£	39.07			£ 78,261.79
01-Oct-25	Big Idea Creative - Website Maintenance			£	85.00	£ 78,176.79
06-Oct-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£	96.03			£ 78,272.82
13-Oct-25	Subscription (Personal) - International Bank Transfer	£	40.00			£ 78,312.82
13-Oct-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£	125.60			£ 78,438.42
15-Oct-25	Monthly account fee			£	5.00	£ 78,433.42
28-Oct-25	Liability Insurance (Profile Insurance LTD)			£	332.68	£ 78,100.74
03-Nov-25	Big Idea Creative - Website Maintenance			£	85.00	£ 78,015.74
17-Nov-25	Monthly account fee			£	5.00	£ 78,010.74
24-Nov-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£	23.75			£ 78,034.49
01-Dec-25	Big Idea Creative - Website Maintenance			£	85.00	£ 77,949.49
08-Dec-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£	39.32			£ 77,988.81
15-Dec-25	Monthly account fee			£	5.00	£ 77,983.81
29-Dec-25	Interest	£	38.95			£ 78,022.76
	Closing balance as of 31 December 2025					**£ 78,022.76**

INCOME	**2025 TOTAL**	**£ 18,735.66**

Subscription Payments		
06-Jan-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£ 39.32
13-Jan-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£ 6,745.13
17-Jan-25	Subscription (Personal) - International Bank Transfer	£ 40.49
20-Jan-25	Subscription (Belgian Members) - International Bank Transfer	£ 335.66
27-Jan-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£ 100.17
03-Feb-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£ 77.96
24-Feb-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£ 62.21
03-Mar-25	Subscription (Personal) - International Bank Transfer	£ 25.00
03-Mar-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£ 117.96
04-Mar-25	Subscription (Personal) - International Bank Transfer	£ 25.00
10-Mar-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£ 48.35
25-Mar-25	Subscription (Personal) - International Bank Transfer	£ 25.00
31-Mar-25	Subscription (Personal) - International Bank Transfer	£ 38.27
01-Apr-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£ 77.46
14-Apr-25	Subscription (Personal) - International Bank Transfer	£ 40.00

28-Apr-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£	24.25
12-May-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£	103.14
16-Jun-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£	38.57
23-Jun-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£	39.07
24-Jun-25	Subscription (Personal) - International Bank Transfer	£	25.00
14-Jul-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£	23.32
21-Jul-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£	87.34
28-Jul-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£	39.32
15-Aug-25	Subscription (Personal) - International Bank Transfer	£	10.00
26-Aug-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£	23.57
26-Aug-25	Subscription (Personal) - International Bank Transfer	£	25.00
01-Sep-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£	23.82
08-Sep-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£	24.07
29-Sep-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£	39.07
06-Oct-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£	96.03
13-Oct-25	Subscription (Personal) - International Bank Transfer	£	40.00
13-Oct-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£	125.60
24-Nov-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£	23.75
08-Dec-25	STRIPE - Membership Subscription Payments	£	39.32
	TOTAL	**£**	**8,648.22**

Interest (to Reserve Account)			
26-Mar-25	Interest	£	2.64
26-Jun-25	Interest	£	2.68
26-Sep-25	Interest	£	2.68
29-Dec-25	Interest	£	2.64
	TOTAL	**£**	**10.64**

Interest (to Current Account)			
26-Mar-25	Interest	£	37.10
26-Jun-25	Interest	£	38.96
26-Sep-25	Interest	£	39.20
29-Dec-25	Interest	£	38.95
	TOTAL	**£**	**154.21**

Royalties			
03-Mar-25	T & F Royalties	£	4,836.59
03-Feb-25	T & F Royalties	£	2,500.00
	TOTAL	**£**	**7,336.59**

Other Income			
11-Jul-25	IUBS Grant Award for IDS 2025	£	2,586.00
	TOTAL	**£**	**2,586.00**

OUTGOINGS	**2025 TOTAL**	**£**	**9,218.68**

Liability Insurance			
28-Oct-25	Liability Insurance (Profile Insurance LTD)	£	332.68
	TOTAL	**£**	**332.68**

Taylor & Francis Journal Charges (Diatom Research)			
19-Feb-25	Taylor & Francis Invoice - Diatom Research	£	4,100.00
	TOTAL	**£**	**4,100.00**

Grant-Making Activities			
10-Apr-25	ISDR Grant - Junqueira	£	1,600.00
04-Jun-25	ISDR Grant - Arsad (via TorFX)	£	2,000.00
	TOTAL	**£**	**3,600.00**

Website Maintenance				
02-Jan-25	Big Idea Creative - Website Maintenance		£	85.00
03-Feb-25	Big Idea Creative - Website Maintenance		£	85.00
03-Mar-25	Big Idea Creative - Website Maintenance		£	85.00
01-Apr-25	Big Idea Creative - Website Maintenance		£	85.00
01-May-25	Big Idea Creative - Website Maintenance		£	85.00
02-Jun-25	Big Idea Creative - Website Maintenance		£	85.00
01-Jul-25	Big Idea Creative - Website Maintenance		£	85.00
01-Aug-25	Big Idea Creative - Website Maintenance		£	85.00
01-Sep-25	Big Idea Creative - Website Maintenance		£	85.00
01-Oct-25	Big Idea Creative - Website Maintenance		£	85.00
03-Nov-25	Big Idea Creative - Website Maintenance		£	85.00
01-Dec-25	Big Idea Creative - Website Maintenance		£	85.00
		TOTAL	**£**	**1,020.00**

Monthly Account Fees (Reserve Account)				
15-Jan-25	Monthly account fee		£	5.00
17-Feb-25	Monthly account fee		£	5.00
17-Mar-25	Monthly account fee		£	5.00
15-Apr-25	Monthly account fee		£	5.00
15-May-25	Monthly account fee		£	5.00
16-Jun-25	Monthly account fee		£	5.00
15-Jul-25	Monthly account fee		£	5.00
15-Aug-25	Monthly account fee		£	5.00
15-Sep-25	Monthly account fee		£	5.00
15-Oct-25	Monthly account fee		£	5.00
17-Nov-25	Monthly account fee		£	5.00
15-Dec-25	Monthly account fee		£	5.00
		TOTAL	**£**	**60.00**

Monthly Account Fees (Current Account)				
15-Jan-25	Monthly account fee		£	5.00
17-Feb-25	Monthly account fee		£	5.00
17-Mar-25	Monthly account fee		£	5.00
15-Apr-25	Monthly account fee		£	5.00
15-May-25	Monthly account fee		£	5.00
16-Jun-25	Monthly account fee		£	5.00
15-Jul-25	Monthly account fee		£	5.00
15-Aug-25	Monthly account fee		£	5.00
15-Sep-25	Monthly account fee		£	5.00
15-Oct-25	Monthly account fee		£	5.00
17-Nov-25	Monthly account fee		£	5.00
15-Dec-25	Monthly account fee		£	5.00
		TOTAL	**£**	**60.00**

Other				
11-Jul-25	SWIFT Payment - Charges		£	6.00
05-Feb-25	STRIPE - Refund for duplicate payment		£	40.00
		TOTAL	**£**	**46.00**