



Welcoming Remarks:

Welcome notes were delivered by RCWA Chair Mr. Mohammad Shahbaz

Pakistan, as a statutory member of the West Asian region of IUCN and as a programmatic member of the Asian region, Pakistan was able to participate in the meetings of both Regional Committees and was humbly proud to serve as a bridge of communication and facilitation between the two parts of Asia.

Election of Treasurer

Decision 2/1: Mr. Osama Al Nouri from Syria was unanimously elected as the Treasurer of the Regional Committee

Mr. Mohammad Shahbaz (RCWA Chair/ Regional Councilor for West Asia Jordan)
Dr. Ali Darwish (IUCN Regional Councilor for West Asia Lebanon)
Mr. Javed Jabbar (Vice President and Regional Councillor, West Asia, IUCN, Pakistan)
Dr. Hany Tatwany (on behave of RCWA vice chair, NCWCD- KSA)
Ms Mehrasa Mehrdadi (RCWA Secretary, Department of Environment Iran)
Ms Meena Al Kadhimi (RCWA member, BWA Bahrain)
Mr. Osama Al Nouri (RCWA Treasurer, Ministry of Local Administration and Environment Syria)
Ms Mahnaz Kadhemi (BWA Bahrain)
Mr. Imad Al Atrash (RCWA member, Palestine Wild Life Society Palestine)
Mr. Yehya Khaled (RSCN Jordan)
Mr. Maher Mahjoub (Vice Chair of WCPA for MENA Region Tunisia)
Dr. Samira Omar (KISR IUCN Kuwait National Committee Chair/ Commission on Species Survival)
Dr. Said Damhoureyeh (Commission on Ecosystem Management Jordan)
Dr. Hassan Al Hosani (Friends of Environment UAE)
Dr. Mohamed Subbarini (Commission on Education and Communication - Jordan)
Ms Razan Zuayter (APN Jordan)
Ms Rima Ras (Jordan Badia Research and Development Centre Jordan)

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Ms. Julia Marton-Lefevre, Director General
Dr. Odeh Al Jayyousi, ROWA Regional Director
Mr. Rami Abu Salman (IUCN Mediterranean Cooperation Center - Spain)
Mr. Peter Laban, ROWA Regional Programme Coordinator
Mr. Majdi Salameh, ROWA Business & Biodiversity Programme Officer
Mr. Khaldoun Al Omari, ROWA Protected Areas Programme Officer
Ms. Rania Faouri, ROWA Communications Officer
Ms. Ola Mallah, ROWA Membership Focal Point

Invitees who could not attend

Mr. Assad Serhal (RCWA member, SPNL, Lebanon)
Mr. Mohamed Sulayem (RCWA vice chair, NCWCD, KSA)
Dr. Talal Al Azimi (RCWA member EPA, Kuwait)
Prof. Abdulaziz Abu Zinada (Chair of IUCN West Asia Regional Advisory Committee KSA)
Mr. Shahid Khan (RCWA member, C.E.O. & Chairman for PNC, Pakistan)

Approval of minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were earlier circulated to all members by e-

The committee considered comments from the members with regards to the bylaw and requested all comments to be forwarded to the Chair for presentation in the next meeting in writing.

Commissions:

Three presentations were delivered by the Species Survival Commission represented by Dr Sameera Omar from Kuwait, Commission on Education and Communication represented by Dr Mohamed Subbarini from Jordan and World Commission on Protected Areas

Annex 1

Taskforce	Members	Task	Deadline
Operational Guidelines for the Regional Committee for West Asia Taskforce	headed by Dr Ali Darwish Mahnaz Kadhemi Ola Mallah	prepare a full document and circulate it among members to be presented in the next meeting	30 June 2009
Palestine Taskforce	lead by Imad Al Atrash Jav.66 663.82ng		