



To Prof. Dr. Serge Doroshov

Dear Serge,

it is unfortunate that we are unable to attend your retirement party. We really would like to be with you, your colleagues and students to celebrate your life-time achievements as a great university teacher, an excellent scientist and an outstanding sturgeon specialist who deserves to be highly recognized by the members of the World Sturgeon Conservation Society for your very highly valued contributions on sturgeon physiology, early life history, reproduction and biology in general.

As member of the Foundation Committee of the World Sturgeon Conservation Society you have actively participated in the formulation of goals and aims for this organisation. These well-thought objectives have proven to be essential for the development of the long-term and effective programme of the Society. WSCS is now the home for the ISS (International Symposia on Sturgeons) of which you have been a part from the very beginning (ISS 1, Bordeaux, 1989).

Home office:
Schifferstraße 48
D-21629 Neu Wulmstorf
Germany

Tel: xx49-40-700- 6514
Fax: xx49-40-70102-676
e-mail: haro.train@t-online.de

"The Society intends to act as an international forum of scientific discussion for all those interested in pertinent issues on sturgeons, while at the same time seeking for opportunities for close cooperation at international level".



Foundation Committee (from left to right)

Georgii Ruban
Raymond Trzebiatowski
Frank Kirschbaum
Serge Doroshov
Patrick Willot
Harald Rosenthal
Mohammad Pourkazemi
Jianbo Chang
Paolo Bronzi
Mikhail Chebanov
Ronald Bruch

Board of Directors:

H. Rosenthal - President
P. Bronzi - Vice President
J. Gessner - Treasurer
R. Bruch - Secretary General
M. Chebanov - Member at Large
M. Pourkazemi - Member at Large
Q. Wei - Member at Large

Foundation members:

Paolo Bronzi, Italy
Ron Bruch, USA
Jianbo Chang, China
Mikhail Chebanov, Russia
Sergej Doroshov, USA
Jörn Gessner, Germany
Frank Kirschbaum, Germany
Mohammad Pourkazemi, Iran
Harald Rosenthal, Germany
Georgii Ruban, Russia
Rajmund Trzebiatowski, Poland
Patrick Williot, France

We particularly wish to note that the legal documents to establish the WSCS were signed on March 11, 2003 which was actually on your birthday! As the picture on the right clearly shows, Harald and Ron are respectfully waiting to be the next to sign the set of foundation documents.

The Society gained great benefits from your advise and input in the early pioneering years. We all thank you for your dedication and continued support.



On behalf of the WSCS membership, the entire Board of Directors sends best wishes for an enjoyable festive day with friends and students. We hope that you may enjoy many healthy years dedicated to activities you wish to pursue. If you are still interested in sturgeon issues we hope to see you at the next ISS 8 in Vienna to show you how we have progressed

On behalf of the Board of Directors of WSCS

Harald Rosenthal,
Paolo Bronzi, Joern Gessner, Ronald Bruch, Qiwei Wei,
Mohammad Pourkazemi, Mikhail Chebanov