

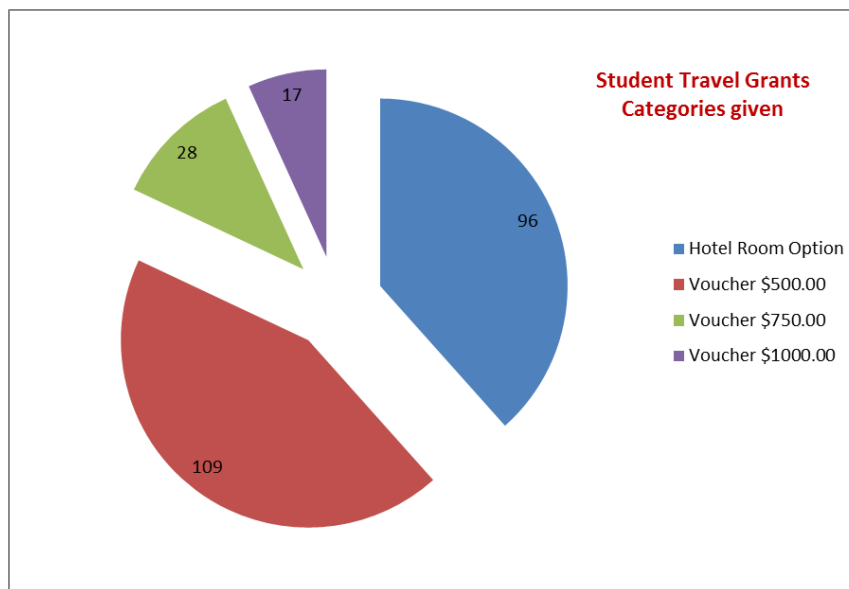
STUDENT AFFAIRS

A FEW FACTS AFTER THE SMM

19TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE ON THE BIOLOGY OF MARINE MAMMALS

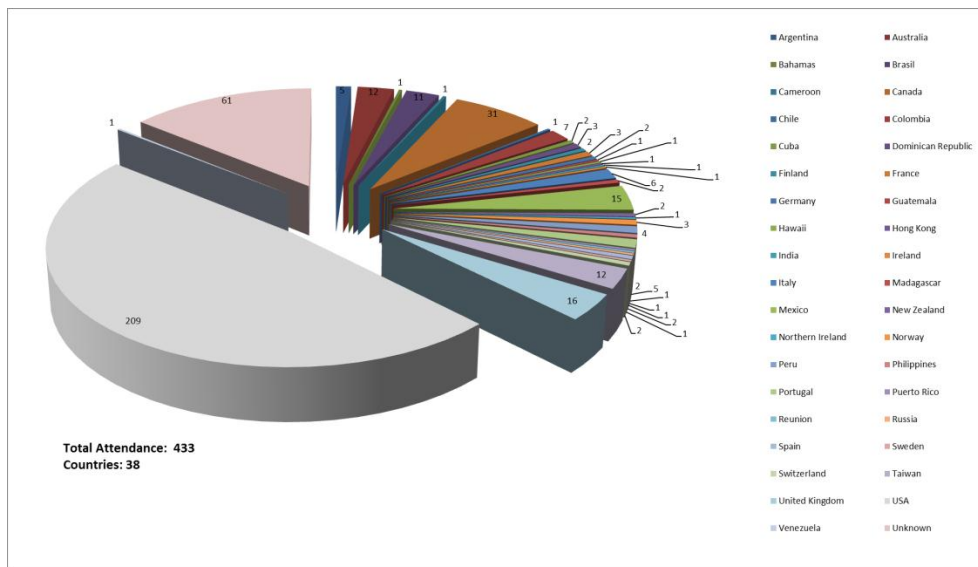
Tampa, Florida/2011

- Total number of attendees: 1989. Approximately 670 of these were students.
- Out of 388 students that apply for Student Travel Grants, 260 students received a grant in the form of either a room at the conference hotel, or a voucher according to the category of the distance travelled for students coming from 28 countries.



- In total, there was a support of \$150,000 for student travel.
- Up to this date, there are 718 student memberships within the Society.
- There was a Student Booth this year where students could come to sign in for the student workshop, buy tickets for the Student Mayhem, find out information regarding the student chapters, and more.
- There was a sale of books at the student booth to also raise some money for student travel to next biennial. These books were donated by Dr. Bill Perrin and included an autographed copy of the Encyclopedia of Marine Mammals.
- The Student Mayhem collected approximately \$14,000.00 to raise funds for student travel to the next biennial.
- This conference included a total of 340 oral presentations, 12 speed talks, 5 plenary sessions, and 600 poster presentations.

- We were honoured to count with the help of 110 volunteers who were essential to the smoothness of the events taking place throughout the conference.
- 8th Student Affairs Workshop
 - Approximately 430 students from 38 different countries attended the student workshop



- This year the Student Chapters from seven (7) regions presented their chapters with short 3 minute presentations to explain what activities they have been involved in to promote themselves in the area
- We counted with the support from 43 scientists leading 14 group discussions and the presentation of one Keynote Speaker
- This was the agenda of the night and although it looks long we managed to start and end as planned!

Student Affairs Workshop – Wednesday November 30th

AGENDA

I.	Sign-in and Forage	7:00 – 7:40PM
II.	Welcome and Introduction	7:40 – 7:45PM
	Inez Campbell, SMM Student Member-at-Large	
III.	Presentation of Student Chapters	7:45 - 8:15PM
IV.	Keynote Address	8:15 – 8:35PM
	Kathleen M. Dudzinski, Ph.D.	
	<i>“You have your degree... now what?”</i>	
V.	Break	8:35 – 8:45PM
VI.	Group Discussions	8:45 – 10:00PM
	Acoustics and Communication	
	Genetics	
	Anatomy/Morphology/Physiology	

Pathology and Vet Medicine
Behavioral Ecology and Oceanography
Cognition
Conservation issues
Evolutionary Biology and Systematic
Archeology and Paleontology
Population Dynamics and Assessment
Toxicology
Careers in Marine Mammal Science – Government Jobs
Careers in Marine Mammal Science – Academia
Careers in Marine Mammal Science – Private Sector/Consultancy

- The updated programme can be found elsewhere in this website under Conference/Students

- There are 9 Active Student Chapters:
 - Australia (New!)
 - United Kingdom
 - Latin America and Caribbean
 - Puerto Rico
 - United States:
 - Florida
 - Gulf Coast
 - Northwest
 - New England
 - Hawaii

- This “leaving board” of officers is working closely with the New Zealand Conference Committee to come up with ideas to make arrangements with travel agencies, so that student travel grants can be provided as airline tickets, as one of the options.

- The voting process for the new board of officers – including the new Student Member at Large - will take place between March and April, when all nominees for the different positions are decided.

I hope all of you enjoyed this biennial and I hope to see you all - and those who couldn't attend this one-, in New Zealand 2013!

Inez Campbell

Student Member at Large

December 2011