



2017 Annual Report

The Snow Leopard Network (SLN) is a worldwide organization dedicated to facilitating the exchange of information between individuals around the world for the purpose of snow leopard conservation. Our membership includes leading snow leopard experts in the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

The main goal of this organization is to implement the Snow Leopard Survival Strategy (SLSS), which offers a comprehensive analysis of the issues facing snow leopard conservation today.

2015-2017 SLN Steering Committee consisted of:

Lu Zhi, Chair
John Farrington, Member
S. Sathyakumar, Member
Sibylle Noras, Member
Muhammad Ali Nawaz, Member
Shi Kun, Member
Steve Redpath, Member

Charudutt Mishra, Executive Director

SLN Steering Committee is supported by:
Rakhee Karumbaya, Program Coordinator

SLN support of the Global Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Protection Program (GSLEP).

The GSLEP Program is a unique alliance of governments, international and national organizations, conservationists and researchers working together in the field of snow leopard conservation. Given its overlapping mandates with the Snow Leopard Network, all possible opportunities of engagement are capitalized upon. The year 2017 marked the successful organization of the International Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Conservation Forum in August in Bishkek. Most

members of the Steering Committee of the SLN, including the Chair were present in the Forum, and actively supported the organizers. Among others, support was received from the members of the SLN towards an ambitious initiative for estimating the global snow leopard population, called PAWS, or Population Assessment of the World's Snow Leopards. The collaborative program hopes to provide reliable snow leopard population estimates through systematic sampling across the range with the help of experts and organizations working in the field, and enhancing capacity through targeted training programs for various stakeholders.

Membership

By the end of 2017, SLN membership totalled 721 members from over 47 countries. 45 new members were welcomed to the SLN this year.

Bibliography

By the end of 2017 the SLN Bibliography contained 1443 articles and references, with 15 new additions during the year.

SLN Communications

During 2017 the SLN continued to actively share news and information from members and others via the List Serve, the website and the SLN Twitter account. We now have 560 followers on Twitter. Our Twitter was used during the year to promote snow leopard news and SLN news as well as news about the GSLEP event in August.

2017 Elections - new chair and steering committee

A call for nominations for the new SC was announced in October and SLN voting took place from 17th November to 17 December, 2017.

The elected members of the new Steering Committee are:

Ms. Lu Zhi, Ph.D. (People's Republic of China) - Chair
Ms. Belinda Wright (India) - Member
Mr. Jaffar Ud Din (Pakistan) - Member
Mr. Kubanychbek Jumabay Uulu (Kyrgyzstan) - Member
Ms. Li Juan, Ph.D. (People's Republic of China) - Member
Mr. Sandro Lovari, Ph.D. (Italy) - Member
Mr. Som B Ale, Ph.D. (Nepal) - Member

Message of Thankyou and Appreciation to 2015-2017 Steering Committee

The SLN membership wishes to thank the Chair and the SC members for their three years of hard work, passion and commitment to the Snow Leopard Network and the conservation of the snow leopard.