



# ISCA BUCKS THE TREND WITH ITS ANNUAL DUES

## ISCA President David Summers' Reports on what might be an International Precedent



During the recently-concluded 6th Congress in Slovakia the members of ISCA unanimously bucked the normal trend with its annual subscriptions.

### The Previous Scale:

*Less than 30,000 visitors per year*

*From 30,000 to 100,000 visitors per year*

*More than 100,000 visitors per year*

*Category A €200 per annum*

*Category B €300 per annum*

*Category C €500 per annum*

*Circa \$A270 or \$NZ357*

*Circa \$A403 or \$NZ536*

*Circa \$A672 or \$NZ890*

### The New Scale:

*Less than 20,000 visitors per year*

*From 20,000 to 60,000 visitors per year*

*From 60,000 to 100,000 visitors per year*

*More than 100,000 visitors per year*

*Category A €100 per annum*

*Category B €200 per annum*

*Category C €300 per annum*

*Category D €500 per annum*

*Circa \$A134 or \$NZ178*

*Circa \$A270 or \$NZ357*

*Circa \$A403 or \$NZ536*

*Circa \$A672 or \$NZ890*

In addition, the annual dues for national and multinational show cave organizations were halved, and are now set at €250 per annum. The annual dues for the rapidly growing Association Members category was retained at €50 per annum (Circa \$A67 or \$NZ90). The Board of Directors were given the discretion to reduce any annual dues, where justified by the particular circumstances.

This innovative move now makes it much more affordable for smaller show caves to join the International Show Caves Association, and stand shoulder to shoulder with their fellow show cave owners/managers around the world. This will enable the world's smaller caves to receive all of the benefits of membership that their larger colleagues receive.

Membership application packages can be obtained either electronically, or by post from the President <dsummers@bcec.bm> or Renata Marinelli, the Secretary <renatamarinelli@libero.bm> or by post

This decision was to take the annual dues that have been in place for twelve years, and reduce them. This radical concept was embraced whole heartedly by the members.

The extensive travels that I have made during the past four years revealed that the smaller show caves in the world were hurting more financially, in terms of the ratio of their ISCA dues compared to their total income, than the larger caves.

The bold action was to keep the annual dues of the largest caves at the same rate as they have been for the past twelve years, while the scale below is stretched down, and a new category that is lower than the previous lowest category, was introduced.

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Kent Henderson, Andy Spate and Dan Cove also stand ready to help those interested in joining ISCA or interested in learning more about it.



David Summers (centre) amidst attendees at the 6th ISCA Congress 2010 in Slovakia.

