

Minute of the first "TBA alumni of Ethiopia" meeting

Date: 25 Aug. 2008

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Place: Tourist Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Participants:

- Ashenafi Assefa
- Hayal Desta
- Woldemedhin Zebene
- Tariku Hunduma
- Bruktawit Abdu.

Members unable to participate

- Arsema Andargatchew
- Zelalem Wodu
- Kumara Wakjira

Aim: Establishing and priority setting of **"TBA alumni -Ethiopia"** (name confirmed after the discussion during the meeting).

Agenda:

- (1). Do we really need to form the alumni group and what is the importance of it?
- (2). If we need the alumni group, what do we call the name of the group?
- (3) If we need the alumni group, what do we really need to do (priority plan determination)?
- (4). If we need to form the group, how to structure it?

Discussion and the output

After a thorough discussion among most of TBA participants by e-mail, a strong conclusion was reached on the founding of TBA alumni –Ethiopia. Based on this notion we set a date and time for those of us who can attend a meeting. All the participants discussed on the above issues and agreed that it is very important to form the alumni group so that we can have special power to take part in conservation of our biological

resources. And thus the TBA alumni-Ethiopia is established. At the same time we have decided to call the name of the group as “**TBA Alumni - Ethiopia**”.

On the discussion of organizational structure, we have decided to have three people in the organizing committee so that things can proceed conveniently.

- Tariku Hunduma as Coordinator
- Hayal Desta as Assistant Coordinator
- Bruktawit Abdu as Secretary

We have also suggested some priorities to be conducted in the future and that we think the TBA could work together with us. These priorities are subjected to be refined in the future.

- Community awareness creation on biological resources conservation
- Conducting research on different biological resources
- Conserving threatened biodiversity
- Delivering conservation training

Related to this issue, we also raised about the importance of a workshop on scientific excellence (fund raising and scientific writing). We believe that it would be very beneficial for the group have such training and would also be a good way for the reunion of Ethiopian TBA alumni group.