

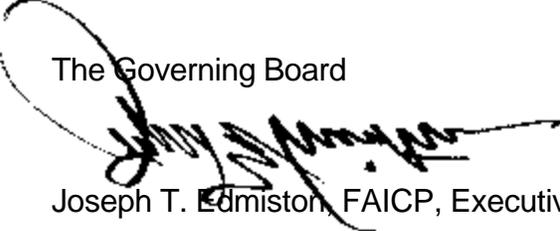


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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: November 1, 2004

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing payment of registration fee, etc., for the World Conservation Congress and meeting of World Commission on Protected Areas.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing payment of registration fee, etc., for the World Conservation Congress and meeting of World Commission on Protected Areas.

Background: Participation in this Congress will allow the Executive Officer to become familiar with best management practices for Mediterranean ecosystems. This request is specifically seeking the registration fee for the conference, and Internet/communication charges incurred to connect the Executive Officer to the Southern California offices so that he can maintain essential communication during this period.

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