

Annual Report 2023

International Initiative for Theoretical Ecology (IITE)

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Our planet's biosphere is under increasing pressure from pollution, climate change, overexploitation and land-use change. Biodiversity is rapidly declining. How will the biosphere respond, how societies be affected, how can this change be steered to the benefit of humanity? IITE aims to promote advancement, teaching and application of theoretical ecology in order to address these questions.

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Activities and Achievements

The International Initiative for Theoretical Ecology formed itself during 2018 and registered as a charity in England and Wales on 14 June 2019. This report covers the period from 24 February 2022 to 30 April 2023

IITE's constitution states our objective as follows:

For the benefit of the public the advancement of the science of Theoretical Ecology in particular but not exclusively by:

- a) the promotion, encouragement and advancement of theoretical ecology and its application;*
- b) the advancement of education and research in theoretical ecology and its application and the publication of the useful results of such research.*

During the reporting period, our main public facing activity has been the development of a series of online seminars run through Zoom (iite.info/seminar/). All speakers have volunteered their time, and by using free tools have incurred no financial cost. These have been free for all to access, and have attracted a large and diverse collection of researchers in the audience. To date, we have run 40 such seminars, with presenters from across the world and from a range of career stages and including some of the most esteemed researchers in the field. The talks have been popular and this has allowed us to develop a significant email mailing list and twitter following. All talks have been posted on YouTube, where we have had well over 10'000 total views.

All activities of IITE were led by its trustees, served the public benefit, and were consistent with the charity's objective.

Outlook

An important goal for the next reporting period will be to open a charity bank account to allow us to apply for and administer grants, collect donations and so develop the aims of IITE. After discussions with various banks, this may require some restructuring of the trustee list.

Governance

IITE has a simple governance structure: the board of trustees is identical with its membership, all work is volunteered, and all decisions are made in (virtual) meetings of the board of trustees in line with the published constitution.

Financial Review

IITE had neither income nor expenditures, and had no assets, funds, or liabilities during the reporting period.



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	29/02/2022	To	30 April 2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
None	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	0	0	0	0	0
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
None	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	0	0	0	0	0
A3 Payments					
None	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
None	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total payments	0	0	0	0	0
Net of receipts/(payments)	0	0	0	0	0
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	0	0	0	0	0

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	0	0	0
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Axel Rossberg	Axel Rossberg	12 Dec 2024	