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VOTE, VOTE, VOTE!!!!!! 2003 ABS ELECTIONS

Please take the time to vote in the upcoming election! Voter response dropped from 2001 (14%) to 2002 (10%), so let's reverse the trend. Election information and ballot are enclosed in this newsletter. You can vote using this ballot, OR ***you can vote by e-mail***, provided that the Central Office has your e-mail address and you have approved its use for this purpose. You must include your name for your vote to count in either case! ***If you vote by regular mail, your name MUST be on the envelope; if you vote by e-mail your name must be somewhere in the message.***

DIRECTION OF CORRESPONDENCE

ABS Newsletter and general correspondence concerning the Society: Molly R. Morris, Department of Biological Sciences, Ohio University, Athens, OH 45701, USA. morrism@oak.cats.ohiou.edu. Deadlines are the 15th of the month preceding each Newsletter. The next deadline is **15 January 2004**. Articles submitted by members of the Society and judged by the Secretary to be appropriate are occasionally published in the ABS newsletter. The publication of such material does not imply ABS endorsement of the opinions expressed by contributors.

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ABSnet THE ELECTRONIC MAIL NETWORK OF THE ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY

ABSnet provides a fast electronic forum for animal behaviorists, and others interested in the study of animal behavior, in a digest or newsletter form. ABSnet provides job announcements, requests-for-information, computer-related news (eg. virus and bug alerts), appropriate software and hardware reviews, and news of Society activities and business. ABSnet is not an interactive, listserv-type discussion group but rather a moderated forum for the exchange of information of interest to animal behaviorists. The digest or newsletter does not replace the official Society hardcopy newsletter sent to all Society members via regular mail. Questions? Let me know! James C. Ha, University of Washington jcha@u.washington.edu. To SUBSCRIBE to ABSnet go to:
<http://www.animalbehavior.org/ABS/Announcements/> click on the Subscribe/Unsubscribe link under ABSNet and fill out the web based form. Links to Post an article or view the archives are also available.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S DEVELOPING NATIONS RESEARCH GRANT AWARDEES! Grants of \$700 each have been awarded to **Jaime Zaldívar-Rae**, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, for his research on "Function of female attendance by males of the teiid lizard *Aspidoscelis costata*" and to **Alejandro Gonzalez Voyer**, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, for his research on "The evolution of aggressive competition in parentally fed bird species". **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2003 LATIN AMERICAN TRAVEL GRANTS**, which help defray the costs of housing and meals at ABS meetings. This year's awards for travel to the Boise meeting were received by **Natalia Ramirez**, Universidad de Costa Rica, and **Leonora Rodriguez Sevilla**, Universidad de Costa Rica.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR ABS CAREER AWARDS

The Animal Behavior Society has a series of Career Awards which include the following: **Distinguished Animal Behaviorist**- outstanding lifetime achievement in animal behavior; **Exemplar Award**- major long-term contribution to animal behavior; **Outstanding New Investigator**- outstanding contribution by a new investigator; **Quest Award**- outstanding seminal contribution; **Exceptional Service Award**- sustained service contributions to the Animal Behavior Society; **Animal Behavior Society Teaching Award**-distinguished contributions in teaching animal behavior to undergraduates (see below).

All members of the society are encouraged to prepare and submit nominations for these awards. To aid the Selection Committee and to help codify the procedures involved, the following items must be submitted for a nomination: (1) a letter of nomination indicating the award for which the nominee is being proposed. It should provide details on the reasons the nominee should be considered for that award, (2) a curriculum vitae of the nominee, and (3) additional supporting letters from colleagues solicited by the nominator. These materials (except for the McGraw-Hill Teaching Award; see below) should be sent to ABS Past President, Anne B. Clark, Department of Biological Sciences and Center for Developmental Psychobiology, Binghamton University (SUNY), PO Box 6000, Binghamton, NY 13902-6000, USA. E-mail: aclark@binghamton.edu.

DEADLINE: Feb. 1, 2004

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

PLEASE NOTE THE CRITERIA HAVE BEEN BROADENED IN ORDER TO RECOGNIZE A GREATER RANGE OF TALENTED MEMBERS.

The recipient of this award receives recognition, a plaque from the Society, and the opportunity to organize an education-related event at the following annual meeting. Selection of the award recipient will be made by the Animal Behavior Society Education Committee and approved by the Executive Council. The award recipient will be announced at the annual meeting of the Society.

DEADLINE: Nominating letters should be submitted by **31 March 2004**, to Dr. Penny Bernstein, Chair, Animal Behavior Society Education Committee, Kent State University Stark Campus, 6000 Frank Avenue, Canton, OH 44720 USA, pbernstein@stark.kent.edu.

CRITERIA and PROCEDURES:

1. Nominees must be current members of the Animal Behavior Society (NOTE: current officers and committee chairs are not eligible for nomination).
2. Nominees must show evidence of highly effective and innovative teaching in the classroom or an informal education setting (e.g. zoos, aquaria, museums 4-H, research labs and field stations, environment centers) and have a reputation among peers and students for excellence in educating people about animal behavior.
3. Persons wishing to nominate an individual for the award should submit a one-page nomination letter providing evidence to support the nomination. The letter should also include names of at least two additional peer reviewers, and two current or former students or program participants. If students are under 18 years old, the student/participant references should be accompanied by or attached to a letter from the appropriate teacher or youth program coordinator. (NOTE: Department chairs, directors, supervisors, or colleagues may be helpful sources for this information if you are not at the same institution as the person you are nominating).
4. The Education Committee will solicit appropriate supporting materials including those indicated in nominating letters.

THE ABS STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT committee announces the 2004 competition for funds in support of graduate student research. Applicants must be: 1) currently enrolled in a graduate program; 2) active student members of ABS on the application deadline. Individuals who have received a Student Research Grant in a previous year are ineligible. Approximately \$18,000 (US) will be available to support twelve students at a level of no more than \$1000 each and an additional twelve students for up to \$500 each. Proposals with conservation implications will be eligible for the Edward O. Wilson Student Research Grant for Conservation Award (see below). The **DEADLINE** for receipt of completed applications is **January 22, 2004**. Late applications will not be accepted; please note also that applications are not considered complete unless accompanied by an email/letter of support from an advisor or other scientist. Applications will be reviewed by members of the ABS Student Research Grant Committee, and award decisions will be announced by April 1, 2004. The preferred method for receiving and submitting application materials is through the ABS website (see Grants). Information regarding the submission of special files (e.g., figures) is available on that site, as well as information about the requirements for a letter of support for each applicant. Any individuals who are

unable to submit their applications through the website should contact ABS Senior MAL, Dr. Trish Schwagmeyer, Zoology Department, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK 73019 USA. E-mail: plsch@ou.edu

STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT FOR CONSERVATION

The Animal Behavior Society announces the creation of the Edward O. Wilson Student Research Grant for Conservation Award. This award seeks to encourage students of animal behavior to participate in meaningful conservation-related research. The award is part of the ABS Student Research Grant Program and it will support a proposal identified by the Student Research Grant Committee (see above) as having a substantial conservation component. This funding opportunity will become available for the 2003-2004 period. For additional information visit the ABS website or contact the SRG committee.

DIVERSITY FUND STUDENT REGISTRATION FEE AWARDS

Deadline: March 1, 2004. A limited number of awards will be made from the Diversity Fund to cover registration fees for graduate students attending ABS annual meetings. A letter of application and a signed statement from the student's major professor confirming the student's graduate status should be directed to ABS Treasurer, Dr. Lee Drickamer, Department of Biological Sciences, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona 86011-5640, USA; e-mail: Lee.Drickamer@NAU.edu.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY DEVELOPING NATIONS RESEARCH GRANTS 2003-2004

ABS announces the sixth annual Developing Nations Research Grant Competition. The funds are intended to provide financial support for scientific studies of animal behavior conducted by current members of ABS. Applications are invited from student members as well as more established members of the research community. Only members of the Animal Behavior Society who are residents of a developing nation and are conducting research at an institution in a developing nation are eligible to apply (please note that student members of ABS are also eligible to apply for the annual Student Research Grants Competition). The following nations shall not be considered as developing nations: the United States, Canada, Israel, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands,

Belgium, Luxembourg, Ireland, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, France, the United Kingdom, Spain and Portugal. Grants are awarded for research to be conducted within a 1-year period from the date of award.

The **DEADLINE** for receipt of completed applications is **10 January 2004**. For further information on application requirements, please refer to the ABS web site. The link can be found from the ABS Grants page under the ABS Developing Nations Research Grants heading on the left hand side of the web page. Alternatively, you may contact: Hugh M. Drummond, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Instituto de Ecologia, UNAM, A.P. 70-275, Mexico DF, 04510, MEXICO. E-mail (Primary): hugh@servidor.unam.mx

2004 WARDER CLYDE ALLEE COMPETITION

The Warder Clyde Allee Competition for Best Student Paper will take place at the 2004 Annual Meeting in Oaxaca, Mexico, 12-16 June 2004. All eligible students are encouraged to participate.

Eligibility requirements: Any independent student research (including, but not limited to, the doctoral dissertation) most of which is unpublished at the time of submission for the session is eligible. The work presented may be part of a larger collaborative effort, but the student should have the principal responsibility for the conceptualization and design of the research, collection and analysis of data and interpretation of results. Only single-authored papers are eligible. Entrants cannot have completed defense of the doctoral dissertation before the preceding ABS annual meeting (July 2003) and an individual can enter the Allee Competition only once per lifetime.

To enter: Students must indicate their desire to be considered for the competition by checking the appropriate box on the abstract submittal form for the annual meeting, submit a written version of their paper which includes their addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses, fill out a signed and dated form indicating that they meet all eligibility requirements (to be supplied to entrants after receipt of their written papers), present a spoken version during the 2004 Annual Meeting, attend both the Allee welcoming dinner on the evening before the competition day, and attend the banquet during the Annual Meeting. The spoken portion of the competition is limited to 18 students. If more than 18 students enter, the Allee Judges will select the best 18 submitted papers for the spoken paper session and further eligibility. Four (4) copies of a written version of no more than 7 double-spaced text pages and no more than a total of 4 tables

and/or figures (this limit does not include abstract, references or acknowledgments) must be received by ABS 2nd President Elect, Dr. Stephen Nowicki, Department of Biology, Duke University, Box 90338, Durham, North Carolina 27708-0338 USA. E-mail: snowicki@duke.edu THOSE INTERESTED IN THE COMPETITION SHOULD BE SURE TO CHECK THE DEADLINE DATE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS FOR PAPERS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING. If significant new results arise after submission, students may submit a one page addendum to their papers up to 30 days before the first day of the Annual Meeting. Questions should be addressed to Dr. Stephen Nowicki, E-mail: snowicki@duke.edu

CALL FOR SYMPOSIUM PROPOSALS, SNOWBIRD MEETING, 2005

We are soliciting symposium proposals for the 2005 annual ABS meeting in Snowbird, Utah. If you are involved in a new and exciting topic in behavior, and are willing to organize a symposium, please contact Jennifer Fewell, the Junior Program Officer. Completed proposals are due 1 August, 2004. Information on organizing symposia may be found at the ABS website:

<http://www.animalbehavior.org/ABS/Program/HostGuide/SympGuide.html>

Symposium proposals and/or information requests can be sent by email to j.fewell@asu.edu or by regular post to: Jennifer Fewell, School of Life Sciences, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287-4501.

MEETINGS

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETINGS

2004 Oaxaca (Mexico), 12 – 16 June (see announcement below and website)

2005 Snowbird Resort (UT), 6-10 Aug

ICZ 2004 XIX INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ZOOLOGY

August 23-27, 2004, Beijing China

For detailed and updated information about ICZ 2004, please visit the website of ICZ 2004: at <http://www.icz.ioz.ac.cn>. On-line registration web site: <http://www.congress.com.cn/icz/register.htm> For information about registration, tours, visa applications, cancellations and payment, please contact: Mr. William Chen, CICCST / ICZ 2004; No. 86 Xueyuan Nanlu, Beijing 100081, China; Tel: 86-10 6210 3108; Fax: 86-10 6218 0723; E-mail: icz2004@congress.com.cn



Bienvenidos!

Please join us at the 41st Animal Behavior Society Meeting in Oaxaca, Mexico, June 12 – 16, 2004. For the first time, the Animal Behavior Society will hold its meeting outside English-speaking North America.

When: The meeting will begin with a reception on Saturday evening, June 12 and continue through the closing banquet and display of Guelaguetza dancing in a 16th C chapel on Wednesday night, June 16.

Where: In the Misión de los Angeles hotel (MAH), twenty minutes walk from the center (zocalo) of one of Mexico's loveliest old colonial cities. Most flights coming into this small airport are from Mexico City. Currently, there are seven daily flights from Mexico City, on Aeroméxico, Mexicana and Aeromar, and all flights from the USA require changing planes in Mexico City (except for Mexicana flight 111 from Los Angeles).

Hosts: Researchers from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (Hugh Drummond, Margarita Martínez, Cristina Rodríguez, Roxana Torres, José Luis Osorno, Robyn Hudson, Jaime Zaldivar, Alejandro Gonzalez and Alejandro Córdoba), the Universidad Autónoma de Tlaxcala, and the Instituto de Ecología en Xalapa (Rogelio Macías) will host the meeting, with the assistance of InterMeeting, professional conference organizers (imeeting@infosel.net.mx).

Registration and Abstract Submission: Early registration and abstracts will be accepted via the conference web page (<http://www.ecologia.edu.mx/abs2004/>) beginning January 1, 2004. Abstracts will be due by midnight on **April 1, 2004**. The early registration deadline is midnight on March 15, 2004; late online registration will continue until meeting starts but online payment will end on June 4.

Housing: Rooms will be available in the MAH and two additional hotels within walking distance. The Holiday Inn Express is three blocks and 7 min. walk (crossing a busy avenue) from the conference hotel, and close to the historic city center. Hotel Victoria overlooks the city from a site about 20 min walk uphill (along a busy avenue) from the conference hotel. These hotels will apply the same reduced rates to ABS registrants who reserve their rooms for up to three additional nights before the meeting or up to three additional nights after the meeting. Housing reservations can now be made through the conference web page (<http://www.ecologia.edu.mx/abs2004/>) by printing the form and faxing it to InterMeeting, who will confirm your booking. Recommendations for other hotels can be obtained from InterMeeting (imeeting@infosel.net.mx).

Food: There will be a mealplan, limited to 120 registrants, for breakfast and a light, cold lunch in the restaurant and patio of the MAH, with vegetarian options. Near the MAH are a variety of restaurants.

Babysitting: We will provide a list of service providers.

Student Host Program: We will shortly announce a program for registrants to be assisted in exploring the city of Oaxaca by Mexican student hosts (with similar academic interests).

Field trips: We hope to announce a program of guided early morning trips to sites near the city.

Things to do: The State of Oaxaca (<http://oaxaca-travel.com/>) is one of the most biologically and ethnologically diverse in the country and famous for its folklore, diverse and distinctive gastronomy, handicrafts, rural environment and friendly people. The city of Oaxaca has stately squares, pedestrian areas, markets, an ethnobotanical garden, museums and other historic buildings going back five centuries, as well as numerous restaurants, coffee shops and craft stores. Within easy driving distance of the city are numerous indigenous villages, and just 20 min from the conference center is the spectacular archaeological site of Monte Alban, which we will all visit, with English-speaking guides, on Tuesday morning.

Facilities for Persons with Disabilities: We regret that currently there are few facilities in Mexico for persons with disabilities and Oaxaca city has its fair share of narrow sidewalks, cobbled streets, high curbs and potholes. The MAH unfortunately has no rooms for persons with disabilities, nor any ramps within its installations for wheelchairs, despite there being numerous steps in the grounds and by the auditoriums. The Holiday Inn Express has two rooms for persons with disabilities as well as roomy ramps and elevators suitable for wheelchairs. Hotel Victoria has no facilities for persons with disabilities, although they can be assigned ground floor rooms. Access to the reception and the restaurant is via steps. Facilities are scarce in the airport (<http://www.oaxacainfo.gob.mx/medios.html>, <http://www.tomzap.com/OAXairport.html>), although the whole terminal building is at ground floor level, so there is no need to use staircases, and there are ramps for leaving the terminal building and reaching the car park. Arrangements for boarding and deboarding from the plane should be made with the airline.

Further Information: Questions on housing, food, Monte Alban and other tours should be directed to conference organizers InterMeeting (imeeting@infosel.net.mx). Other questions about the Mexican scene will be answered by a UNAM doctoral student, Alejandro Gonzalez (aglez@miranda.ecologia.unam.mx).

Scientific Program: A very integrative and exciting set of lectures and symposia are being planned, including a Plenary lecture by Tim Birkhead, a Fellows lecture by Steve Emlen, and three symposia: "An Integrative Approach to Sexual Communication: Brain, Behavior and Evolution in Túngara Frogs" organized by Michael J. Ryan; "Environmental Impacts and Behavior", organized by Gil Rosenthal and Salvador Contreras-Balderas; and "Current Perspectives on Sexual Conflict" organized by Carlos Cordero and Alex Córdoba. Please see the web site where more information on the symposia, additional Plenary lectures, and the full program of contributed talks will be posted.

**SICB ANNUAL MEETING, JANUARY 5-9,
2004
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.**

The 2004 Annual Meeting for the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology (SICB) is an educational and research forum for scientists and students studying the biological sciences. The meeting will include many symposia, workshops and special programs in addition to hundreds of contributed papers in divisional and topical sessions. Watch the web site for Schedule of Events updates and the posting of abstracts. <http://www.sicb.org/meetings/2004/index.php3>
Early Fee Deadline for Registration is December 4, 2003.

**AIBS 2004
March 16-18, Washington DC**

Online Registration is now open for the AIBS 2004 Annual Meeting. 16 - 18 March. Washington DC.

Topic: **INVASIVE SPECIES: THE SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS**

You may register at <http://www.aibs.org/annual-meeting-2004/> via secure online credit-card submission or fax-back / mail-back form; early registration closes **2 March 2004**. Poster abstracts may also be submitted at the above URL; poster submissions close **16 February 2004**

**CANDIDATES FOR THE 2004
ELECTION OF ABS OFFICERS**

The order in which candidates are listed may influence voting. Please avoid this bias in making your choices. This year, the candidates are listed in reverse alphabetical order.

SECOND PRESIDENT ELECT

Ronald L. Rutowski

Education: B.S., 1967, Biology (with honors) University of California, Santa Cruz; Ph.D., 1976, Neurobiology and Behavior, Cornell University

Current Position: Professor and Associate Director for Undergraduate Programs, School of Life Sciences, Arizona State University

Research Interests: Mechanisms and evolution of vision and visual signalling; coloration, vision, and behavior in the reproductive behavior of butterflies and other insects

ABS activities: Member, 1974 to present; Member, Film Committee, 1979-1982; Member, Ethics Committee, 1988-1990; Judge, W. C. Allee (Best Student Paper) Award Committee, 1980, 2000; Workshop ("Trailing spouses in academic recruitment") co-organized with Janis Dickinson, 1996 Annual Meeting; Associate Editor, Animal Behaviour, 1997-2000; Reviewer, Graduate Student Research Fund 2003.

Related activities: Invited instructor, graduate course in animal reproductive strategies, University of Stockholm, Sweden, September 1984; Invited participant in behavioral ecology, Binational Workshop on Desert Ecology, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Sede Boqer, Israel, March 1987; Member, CAREERS Program Panel, National Science Foundation, 1996; Member, Animal Behavior Panel, National Science Foundation, 1998-2002.

Douglas Mock

Education: B.S. 1969. Cornell University; M.S. Ecology, Evolution, & Behavior 1972. University of Minnesota; Ph.D. EEB 1976. University of Minnesota. Postdoc 1976-77 Smithsonian, National Zoo.

Research Interests: Evolutionary conflicts-of-interest within simple families (siblicide, parent-offspring conflict, sexual conflict), communication, mating systems, coloniality.

ABS and Related Activities: Student Awards Committee 1988-89, Allee Award Judge 1996, elected Fellow ABS 1994, ABS Fellows Lecture 1995, Exemplar Award 1995, member of Editorial Board 1996-97. Associate editor for Behaviour 1993-96, Subject editor for Ecology 1996-99. Editorial boards of some bird journals. Reviewer for Animal Behaviour (also Behaviour, BES, Behavioral Ecology, etc.) and NSF (also NSERC, SERC, etc.). 2003 William Brewster Medal from American Ornithologists' Union for siblicide work.

PARLIMENTARIAN

Jill M. Mateo

Education: B.S., 1988, Manhattan College; M.S., 1990, University of Georgia; Ph.D., 1995, University of Michigan; Post-doctoral Fellow and Research Associate, 1996-2002, Cornell University.

Current Position: Assistant Professor in Committee on Human Development and Committee on Evolutionary Biology, University of Chicago.

Research Interests: Animal communication; plasticity of anti-predator strategies, evolution of mechanisms for learning and memory; development of vertebrate social behaviors; comparative behavioral biology of small rodents.

ABS and related activities: ABS member since 1989; Chair of Public Affairs Committee (2000-present), ABS Public Affairs Committee member(1998-2000); ABS Policy Committee member 1995-1999; ABS Student Research Grants reviewer, 2003; Allee Award judge, 1998; Consultant BBC's Life of Mammals (2000-2001); Reviewer for Animal Behaviour since 1994

J. H. (Jim) Benedix Jr.

Education: B.A. 1985, University of Maine; M.S., 1988, Northern Arizona University; Ph.D. 1991, Kansas State University; Postdoc. 1992-1993, University of California, Los Angeles.

Current Position: Associate Professor and Chair, DePauw University, Department of Biology.

Research Interests: Evolution of mating signals, the role of behavior in the maintenance of hybrid zones.

ABS and Related Activities: ABS member since 1993; Policy committee, 1998-2003 (Chair 2000-2003); Parliamentarian, 2002-2004

MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Todd M. Freeberg

Education: B.S., 1990, University of Illinois, Ecology, Ethology & Evolution; Ph.D., 1997, Indiana University, Biology; Postdoctoral, 1998 – 2002, Purdue University, Audiology & Speech Sciences and Biological Sciences.

Current Position: Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Tennessee

Research Interests: Animal communication, vocal signaling in birds, social learning, courtship behavior.

ABS Activities: ABS member since 1991; Reviewer for Animal Behaviour since 1994; Member of ABS Film Committee since 1998 (Chair of Film Committee starting 2003); Member of ABS Animal Care Committee since 2000; ABS Allee Award Judge 2002; ABS Graduate Student Research Grant Award Judge 2003.

Christopher S. Evans

Education: B.A., M.A. 1980, 1984 Cambridge University (Zoology); M.A. 1983, Washington University (Experimental Psychology); PhD 1986, Washington University (Animal Behaviour); Postdoc. 1986-1989, Rockefeller University, 1989-1993, University of California, Davis.

Current Position: Reader, Departments of Psychology and Biological Sciences, Macquarie University ~ Sydney.

Research Interests: Animal communication and cognition, mechanisms of female mate choice, signal design and evolution, predator recognition, new tools for the study of behaviour.

ABS and related activities: member since 1983; Public Affairs Committee 1986-1987; Policy & Planning Committee 1989-1992, Symposium co-organiser (with S.L. Hopp) 1987, Member of editorial board for Bird Behaviour 1994 -; Consulting Editor for Journal of Comparative Psychology 1993-1999; Vice-president Australasian Society for the Study of Animal Behaviour (ASSAB) 1999; President ASSAB 2000, re-elected 2001. Host for ASSAB annual meeting 2000.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION:

1. Elimination of the Organization and Bylaws committee:

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY CONSTITUTION (note: ~~text to be removed~~, replacement text)

Article 7. Standing Committees:

Chairpersons of the following standing committees shall be appointed by the President with the consent of the Executive Committee; membership of the committees shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the Committee Chairperson, and reported annually to the Executive Committee:

- a. Membership
- b. Policy
- c. Education
- ~~d. Organization and Bylaws~~
- d e.** Nomination
- e f.** Animal Care
- f g.** Public Affairs
- g h.** Film
- h i.** Historian
- i j.** Research Grants
- j k.** Ethics
- k l.** Issues in Applied Animal Behavior
- l m.** Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Liaison
- m n.** Career Awards
- n o.** Development
- p.** Conservation
- p q.** Latin American Affairs
- q r.** Diversity

2. Allowing for elections via website in addition to mail-in ballots. (note: ~~text to be removed~~, replacement text).

Article 8 :Elections :

Section 1. General Elections: Whenever an office becomes vacant or is scheduled to fall vacant, the Nomination Committee shall, through the Secretary, ~~present~~ **publish** to the membership ~~by mail~~ at least thirty days before ~~distribution of ballots~~ **voting occurs** the name(s) of qualified individuals willing to serve who are members in good standing. Additional nominations may be made in letters to the Executive Committee signed by five or more members in good standing and submitted by the deadline announced in the NEWSLETTER. Elections shall be held by mail **or electronic ballot**, with provision for write-in votes. The Secretary shall tabulate and record the vote, and notify the candidates and the Executive Committee of the results of the election. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast for that office shall be elected; in case of tie, a run-off election shall occur. The results shall be announced in the next NEWSLETTER.

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OPPORTUNITIES

The Secretary reminds you that a time lag exists between my receipt of advertisements and the publication of the Newsletter. Positions listed here may already be filled. Please contact those offering opportunities before applying.

FACULTY POSITION IN ANIMAL COGNITION

Applications are invited for a probationary (tenure-track) appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor in the Psychology Department at The University of Western Ontario, effective July 1, 2004. Successful applicants will have a Ph.D. in the identified area and will be expected to maintain an active research program, teach undergraduate and graduate courses, and provide graduate student supervision.

The Psychology Department has approximately 50 faculty members, 20 staff members, and over 100 graduate students enrolled in the Masters and Ph.D. programs. It is one of the most distinguished psychology departments in Canada. Further information about the Department may be found at <http://www.ssc.uwo.ca/psychology/>

The University of Western Ontario is situated in picturesque London, Ontario, a city of approximately 340,000 along the banks of the Thames River. The city of London is a vibrant community with many family-friendly amenities and has one of the lowest cost of living rates in Ontario. The University of Western Ontario is a prominent academic institution that has made a commitment to balance its teaching and research mission and excel as a research-intensive university. General information about the university can be found at <http://communications.uwo.ca/western/about.html>

Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae, a statement of research and teaching experience and interests, copies of representative publications, and arrange to have 3 letters of recommendation sent to: Dr. K.-Peter Ossenkopp, Acting Chair, Department of Psychology, The University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada N6A 5C2

Consideration of applications will commence on **November 1, 2003**, and will continue until the position is filled. This position is subject to budgetary approval. Applicants should have fluent writing and verbal communication skills in English. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian Citizens and Permanent Residents will be given priority. The University of Western

Ontario is committed to employment equity and welcomes applications from all qualified women and men, including visible minorities, aboriginal people, and persons with disabilities.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR POSITION

State University of New York at Buffalo invites applications for a full time, tenure-track Assistant Professor position in biological anthropology, starting Fall 2004. Responsibilities include teaching at the undergraduate and graduate level in biological anthropology and the area of specialization. The standard load is two courses per semester, student advisement, and an active research program. Research and teaching interests that complement strengths in medical anthropology and evolutionary biology and ecology would be an advantage. Demonstrated interests in evolutionary processes or in bio-behavioral aspects of health, stress, nutrition, energetics or reproductive ecology will fit departmental needs. The successful candidate should have background in general anthropology, and a strong track record of field or laboratory research, publications. Ph.D. is required. Salary and benefits are competitive. SUNY at Buffalo is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Recruiter, and provides reasonable accommodation to known disabilities of applicants and employees. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Send 1) a letter of application giving qualifications, interests and experience, 2) a one page statement of current research activities and of future research plans, 3) current CV, names of referees and other materials to Biological Search Committee, SUNY at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY 14261-0026, no later than **December 15th, 2003**. This employer offers employment benefits to domestic partners of employees. This employer prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation/preference.

M.S. GRADUATE STUDENT OPPORTUNITY FOR RESEARCH ON AFRICAN ELEPHANTS -

Two graduate students for the Master of Science in Biology degree at Georgia Southern University are sought to study captive and/or wild African elephant communication and social biology. The project is funded by the National Science Foundation and emphasizes the development of chemosensory communication. Research is conducted with captive elephants primarily in North America and with wild elephants in Africa. Funding is available beginning in summer 2004. Entrance into the graduate program in January 2004 is preferred but later entrance will be considered. Support as teaching assistants is competitive for the spring 2004 semester. Transportation, basic living expenses, tuition and a

salary are provided during all phases of the fieldwork. Students will develop a research plan with testable hypotheses based upon the objectives of the overall project. Individuals must be self-reliant, willing and able to travel, hold a valid passport for work abroad and have a background in animal behavior. Previous research experience on a behavioral topic is advantageous. Interested students should contact Bruce Schulte (bschulte@gasou.edu). Please have a resume and references available upon initial contact. Information about the Department of Biology at Georgia Southern University can be found at (<http://www.bio.gasou.edu/>), follow links to Dr. Schulte's website for more on the project and to the graduate school for entrance requirements.

VOLUNTEER RESEARCH ASSISTANTS NEEDED FOR STUDY OF BEHAVIORAL ECOLOGY OF UTAH PRAIRIE DOGS. Topics of research include multiple paternity, alarm calling, infanticide, communal nursing, levels of inbreeding, demography, and population dynamics. Study colony is in Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah. Field season starts 05 March 2004 and ends 15 July 2004. Academic credit is possible, and several previous assistants have applied research towards senior thesis. Volunteers participate in all aspects of research with a fascinating mammal in acute danger of extinction. For details, please contact John L. Hoogland, The University of Maryland, Appalachian Laboratory, Frostburg, Maryland, 21532. Telephone: 301-689-7130 (work) or 301-689-8076 (home). FAX: 301-689-7200; E-mail: John_Hoogland@al.umces.edu

VOLUNTEERS - Approximately 30 volunteer positions are open at the American Museum of Natural History's Southwestern Research Station in Portal, Arizona. The volunteer program is run annually and offers students in biological sciences outstanding opportunities to observe and become involved with scientists doing field research. Food and lodging are provided to volunteers in exchange for twenty-four hours per week of routine chores, with the remaining time available for research activities. The program is open to both undergraduate and graduate students; the latter may pursue their own research projects. Faculty knowing of promising students should alert them to this opportunity for professional experience toward, development of, and evaluation of their career goals. The program is open to non-students as well, particularly in the spring and fall.

Volunteers are needed between September 1 - October 31, 2003, and again March 4 - October 31, 2004. Appointments are for part of this period, with a

minimum appointment of six weeks. Applicants for spring positions (March-May) should submit applications by February 15, summer volunteers (June-August) by April 1, and fall volunteers (September-November) may apply any time. For applications, write: Dawn S. Wilson, Director, Southwestern Research Station, American Museum of Natural History, P.O. Box 16553, Portal, AZ 85632 USA; phone/fax: 520-558-2396; e-mail: swrs@amnh.org

**ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OFFERS
TRAVEL GRANTS FOR 2004
INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF
ENTOMOLOGY**

October 21, 2003, Lanham, Md.—The Entomological Society of America is proud to offer travel grants for junior scientists to attend the XXII International Congress of Entomology (ICE) to be held August 15-21, 2004, in Brisbane, Australia. These 21 grants of up to \$2,300 each are available through funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF). Recipients can be reimbursed for up to \$2,000 in travel expenses and may also receive a \$300 stipend for early registration. ICE's early registration rates expire on **February 1, 2004**; please see the ICE web site for details

http://www.ccm.com.au/icoe/delegate_fees/default.htm

The following criteria will be used for ESA's travel grants: Junior scientists are defined as graduate students, postdoctoral; researchers, or assistant professors (less than three years in rank). U.S. citizens and U.S. residents are eligible to apply. Foreign students studying at U.S. accredited, degree-granting institutions and foreign scientists working at a U.S. institution or for an American company (located either in the United States or abroad) are eligible. Federal employees will be asked to demonstrate that federal travel funds are not available to attend the Congress. Persons from private industry will need to demonstrate that their attendance will benefit the scientific community in some broad sense. Membership in ESA is not required. A judging panel consisting of ESA officers will rank the applicants based on the extent of personal participation in ICE, the benefit of attendance to the professional work of the applicant, the benefit to entomology, and the significance of professional contacts anticipated.

All applications must be submitted by **January 6, 2004**, using the online application form. Please click the link below to proceed to the online application form at <http://www.entsoc.org/ESA-Awards/ice/index.htm>.

NOTICE! For additional funding source information see <http://www.animalbehavior.org/ABS/Grants/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZOO SCIENTIST JOHN F. EISENBERG, 68

(from The Washington Post)

John F. Eisenberg, 68, a ranking expert in the evolution of mammal behavior who, as the National Zoo's first resident scientist, helped make science and conservation biology a component of animal management at zoos internationally, died of cancer July 6 at his home in Bellingham, Wash. National Zoo Director Theodore Reed hired Dr. Eisenberg in 1965 for what was then a relatively new position in the zoo world. His studies of social behavior and communication in species such as the Madagascar tenrec, a kind of lesser hedgehog, also received backing by sponsors as diverse as the Air Force and the National Science Foundation.

EISENBERG FESTSCRIFT volume - Dr. John F. Eisenberg, a founder and former President and Vice President of ABS, died on July 6, 2003 at his home in Bellingham, Washington [USA]. He was 68. Through his scholarship, friendship, and his students, John F. Eisenberg has had - and will continue to have for generations to come - a tremendous impact on the fields of animal behavior and mammalogy and on the communities engaged in these fields of research around the world. Abstracts are being solicited from former students and colleagues of John Eisenberg interested in contributing a manuscript to the proposed EISENBERG FESTSCRIFT volume. The full text of the CALL FOR ABSTRACTS is posted <http://www.midcoast.com.au/~gmckay/eisenberg/book.html>. Please send your expression of interest and abstract to the Editors at the email addresses below: George M. McKay, gmckay@midcoast.com.au; Joseph P. Dudley, fnjpd@uaf.edu

II LATIN AMERICAN PRIMATE CONSERVATION BIOLOGY FIELD COURSE

Organizers: Zoological Society of San Diego (California, USA) and Fundación ECO (Formosa, Argentina)

Goal: To provide students hands-on experience in field primatology

Contents: training in demographic, behavioral, and ecological data collection, capturing, sampling and radio-collaring of individuals, radio-tracking, data

summary and analysis, grant proposal writing and accounting using the opportunities offered by the owl monkey and howler monkey research being conducted in the Gran Chaco region of Argentina. They will also learn and practice molecular methods for studying wild primate populations. The course will be taught in Spanish.

Lodging: Tents (approximately 2 weeks) and hotel (approximately 1 week).

Application deadline: Applications must be received by January 31st, 2004. Late applications will not be considered.

Eligibility: 13 students working or planning to work with non-human primates in the near future in Latin America and who are close to obtaining their first degree or have already graduated. Candidates will be chosen exclusively on academic merits.

Application materials: 1- letter of interest explaining how their future work with primates will profit from their participation in the course, 2- curriculum vitae, 3- contact information of three people who can comment on the applicant's qualifications. The letter of interest, curriculum and list of referees should be sent as one single Word file including material in the following order: 1- letter, 2- curriculum, 3- names and complete contact information of referees. The file should be named using the last name of the candidate and the name of the country. Example: John Smith from the USA will name the file "SmithUSA.doc". The referees should send their letters directly to the addresses indicated below. Please send the single file to two different e-mail addresses: efduque@arnet.com.ar and nceresoli@arnet.com.ar

Course Fees: US\$1200, everything included

Scholarships: Scholarships available.

Instructors: Dr. Anthony Di Fiore, Dr. Eduardo Fernandez-Duque, and Dr. Pascal Gagneux

Complete Information at Website: <http://www.nyu.edu/projects/difiore/curso2004/>

BALLOT: 2003-2004 GENERAL ELECTION OF THE ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY

**MAIL BALLOTS IN AN ENVELOPE BEARING YOUR NAME TO:
MOLLY R. MORRIS, ABS SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, OHIO
UNIVERSITY, ATHENS OH 45701 USA**

NOTE: To vote by e-mail, please return e-mail ballot to: morrism@ohio.edu

BALLOTS POSTMARKED AFTER JANUARY 15, 2004, CANNOT BE COUNTED

You may cast write-in votes. We are electing three officers (terms begin July 1, 2004). All ABS members (regular members, student members, joint members and active Fellows) may vote. Results will be announced in the February Newsletter. All ballots will be destroyed after they are verified and counted.

ABS OFFICERS

Vote for one candidate for each office by placing an X in the blank following your choice. The candidate with the most votes will win the election. In case of a tie a run-off election will be held.

FOR SECOND PRESIDENT-ELECT:

Ron Rutowski _____
Doug W. Mock _____
Write-in _____

FOR MEMBER-AT-LARGE:

Todd Freeberg _____
Chris Evans _____
Write-in _____

FOR PARLIMENTARIAN:

Jill Mateo _____
Jim Benedix Jr _____
Write-in _____

The order of listing of candidates may influence voting. Please avoid this bias in making your choices. This year the candidates are listed in reverse alphabetical order.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION:

Changes to Article 7. Standing Committees. Elimination of the Organization and Bylaws Committee.

YES _____ NO _____

Changes to Article 8. 2. Allowing for elections via website in addition to mail-in ballots.

YES _____ NO _____

**RETURN THIS BALLOT NO LATER THAN 15 JANUARY 2004
Be sure to include your name on the envelop or in your e-mail message**