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An Apology: As many of you probably noticed, the February newsletter was mailed out considerably behind schedule, allowing little time for AIBS abstracts to be filled out and mailed. The delay was due to our rather unusual snow storms which caused an enormous jam in the delivery of mail. As a result, the AIBS transmittal forms took more than three weeks to arrive from California, and I naturally had to await their arrival before sending the newsletter.

1969 AIBS Meeting: Open discussion--Taxonomic identity of the "gerbil" in behavioral studies. Dr. Ethel Tobach, American Museum of Natural History, New York, presiding. Thursday, August 21, 2:00 p.m.

The popularity of the gerbil as a subject of behavioral research is comparatively recent, and the history of its introduction to the United States is relatively short. Although the history is traceable, it is not widely known. There are already different species of "gerbils" being used, which may not be always properly identified. In addition, laboratories use different breeding programs, maintenance regimens and housing situations. It may be possible to develop an accurate historical record of the species in the U.S.A. which would be maintained in the future. Further, procedures for the exchange of information about the animal might be set up. Guidelines for taxonomic identification and other information which should be given in publications could also be discussed. The session is open to all and will be taped. Dr. Sigmund Rich, of the Animal Facility at U.C.L.A.'s Center for the Health Sciences has kindly volunteered to have the tapes typed. Regrettably, he will not be able to attend the session; we are fortunate that he is sufficiently interested in the project to donate such a valuable service.

1969 AAAS Meeting: The 1969 AAAS Meeting will be held in Boston, Mass. this December. The deadline for submitting material to be included in the Program will be September 1, 1969. Any suggestions concerning symposia or open discussions should be forwarded to Dr. Peter Marler, Rockefeller University, New York, N.Y. 10021, or Dr. John G. Vandenberg, North Carolina Department of Mental Health, Box 7599, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27602, immediately.

The deadline for submitting papers to be read at the meeting will also be September 1, 1969. An ASZ transmittal blank is enclosed for your use. To make the Program Officer's life more pleasant, please follow the instructions carefully.

1970 AIBS National Biological Congress: Dr. William D. McElroy, Chairman of the AIBS National Biological Congress, has indicated that the Governing Board was enthusiastic about the participation of societies in the 1970 Congress. It was agreed that the afternoons of 7 through 10 November will be devoted to Society programs. It was also agreed that societies could:

a. Organize an afternoon session of contributed papers which would expand upon either the basic science symposia or one of the evening sessions.

b. Organize a general symposium similar to the evening sessions or the basic science symposia which would be of special interest to the Society. Such a session could be organized by ABS, perhaps with another society.

c. Offer refresher courses of special interest to our membership.

d. Invite distinguished scientists who would be interested in meeting with local high school, undergraduate and graduate students to talk informally about their research and career opportunities in the biological sciences.

Please send any suggestions to the newsletter editor by August 15, 1969.

Psychobiology and Behavior: A symposium on "Psychobiology and Behavior" was held at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, on February 7, 1969. The occasion was the dedication of the new John Millington Hall of Life Sciences, which houses the Departments of Biology and Psychology. The symposium sought to emphasize the interdisciplinary nature of biology and psychology. The program included the following lectures:

Informational Interaction and Maturation: Dr. J. McV. Hunt

Transdermal Communication with the Brain: Dr. José M.R. Delgado

Chemical Coding of Behavior in the Brain: Dr. Neal E. Miller

Molecular Basis of Long Term Memory - A Progress Report:

Dr. William L. Byrne

Experimental Biology on Board the R/V Alpha Helix: The R/V ALPHA HELIX is a floating biological research laboratory operated as a national facility by the Scripps Institution of Oceanography of the University of California. Financial support for the ship derives primarily from the National Science Foundation. The following remarks are intended to call the existence of this facility to the attention of the research community at large, to encourage the development of research programs which can make appropriate use of her unique features and capacities, and to describe procedures to be followed in obtaining her use in such programs.

The ship was designed at the initiative of Dr. P. F. Scholander of Scripps Institution, but it is understood that no single institution can profitably man and make full use of the ship throughout a series of consecutive cruises. Dr. Scholander therefore suggested that the ship should be considered as a national facility to be used by scientists from all over the country.

The main purpose of the ALPHA HELIX is to provide experimental biologists with a first-class, modern, self-sustaining mobile

laboratory which can be brought to the organisms and environments they wish to study, rather than vice versa. This reversal of usual circumstances permits close integration of laboratory experimentation with field observations on natural history, ecology, etc.; access to large supplies of organisms in much better condition than is frequently the case; and studies of organisms which occur only in areas lacking suitable laboratory facilities. Inquiries about and applications for use of the ship should be addressed to: Director, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, La Jolla, California 92037.

Refresher Conference on Animal Behavior Studies, 15-16 August 1969:
The following announcement appeared in the last issue of Bioscience: "A Refresher Conference on Animal Behavior Studies, cosponsored by the Animal Behavior Society and the AIBS Office of Biological Education, will be held on 15-16 August, prior to the Annual AIBS Meeting at the University of Vermont. The registration fee for the conference is \$10.00. Forward all inquiries regarding the refresher conference to: Dr. Elwood B. Ehrle, Associate Director, AIBS Office of Biological Education, Suite 403, 1717 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. Additional information and an advance registration form will appear in a forthcoming issue of Bioscience."

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