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NEWSLETTER
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American Society of Zoologists
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ELECTIONS: The following were elected in the 1976 balloting:

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| Member-at-Large | David Dunham |
| Delegates to the U.S.E.C.C. | Marc Bekoff |
| | Gilbert Gottlieb |
| | John King |

No candidate achieved a majority for Second President-Elect or Program Officer; a run-off ballot is enclosed in this issue. Only 376 ballots (21.2% of our membership) were cast. This is a slight improvement over last year's participation (16%) but is still disappointing. Please fill out and mail your run-off ballot now!

LAST CALL FOR PAPERS - 1977 ABS MEETING

Members of the Animal Behavior Society are invited to contribute papers (by March 1) for the 1977 annual meeting to be held June 5-10 at Pennsylvania State University. A transmittal form and instructions for contributing papers were included with the November 1976 Newsletter. Additional copies may be obtained from the Program Officer (address below). Registration and housing information appears in this issue of the Newsletter.

Questions related to registration, housing, etc. should be directed to the local host, H. B. Graves (Department of Poultry Science; Pennsylvania State University; University Park, Pennsylvania 16802; 814 865-4481). Questions related to the program itself should be directed to Edward Price (Department of Animal Science; University of California; Davis, California 95616; 916 752-6789). Ed has agreed to extend his term as Program Officer to 31 March when the new Program Officer will be decided in the run-off election.

NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL: The Animal Behavior Society has been approved as a Corresponding Society of the Assembly of Life Sciences of the National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences. An immediate and tangible benefit is the possibility of obtaining travel grants for the Ethological Conference. It is anticipated that the National Research Council, through the U.S. National Committee for the International Union of Biological Sciences, may obtain limited funds for partial travel support of a small number of U.S. scientists attending the XV International Ethological Conference, Bielefeld, Germany, August 23-31, 1977. Awards under this program, if available, will be limited to partial support of economy air travel. Appropriate application forms should be requested from Harvey E. Sheppard, Division of Biological Sciences, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20418. Submitted applications must be received not later than May 1, 1977.

The Animal Behavior Society is indebted to Jerry Hirsch whose efforts resulted in our affiliation with the National Research Council.

DEADLINE FOR MATERIAL FOR THE MAY NEWSLETTER IS APRIL 15, 1977

REGIONAL MEETINGS: Memorial University of Newfoundland will host the 1977 Northeastern Regional Meeting of the Animal Behavior Society from October 14-17 in St. John's, Newfoundland. Morning plenary meetings and a film session will focus on Marine Mammals and Birds, Navigation, Behavioral Development and Constraints on Learning. Paper and poster sessions will be held during the afternoons. A call for abstracts will be made in the very near future. The meeting will be held at Littledale (St. Bride's College) in St. John's where room and board will be available at reasonable rates. At present we are in the process of arranging some group (or possibly charter) air fare rates from New York, Toronto and possibly Boston. Persons interested in such arrangements and possibly in helping us coordinate these efforts should contact us or inform us when submitting registration fees.

Ample opportunity to tour the area will be provided. Trips currently planned include visits to the M.U.N. Marine Laboratory at Logy Bay, Cape St. Mary's (site of the second largest gannet colony in North America - plenty of gannets and young will still be present at this time), Cape Spear (the eastern most point of land in North America), Witless Bay Bird Sanctuary, and to inland wilderness areas that abound with beaver, moose, lynx and caribou. Plenty of Newfoundland hospitality, food and entertainment will also be provided.

Registration fees of \$5.00 (preferably Canadian) should be sent to us by April 30 (make cheques payable to Animal Behavior Society Meeting). If you plan to present a paper or poster, inform us of this and give us a title of the presentation when submitting registration fees. Correspondence may be directed to any of the following people: Jon Lien, Barry MacKay, Bill Montevecchi, Deane Renouf, Emir Andrews, or Cathy Noseworthy in the Department of Psychology or John Green or Jake Rice in the Department of Biology; Memorial University of Newfoundland; St. John's, Newfoundland A1C 5S7 Canada.

The Midwest Regional Meeting was held on 12-14 November 1976 at the University of Illinois, Chicago Circle Campus. There were 181 registrants and the symposia, contributed papers, film session, and banquet were well attended. Gay Hyatt and Bob Willey were effective and gracious hosts.

FISH ETHOLOGISTS TO MEET: At the Midwestern Regional Meeting in Chicago it was informally agreed that those working with fish in the Midwest should plan a Spring, 1977 meeting. Jack Ward; Department of Biological Sciences; Illinois State University; Normal, Illinois 61761 (a central midwestern location) agreed to organize and host the meeting. The informal get-together and exchange of ideas is being planned for late April or early May. Interested persons from the Midwest or elsewhere write Jack Ward immediately -- there will be no other announcements except to those who inquire; details will be furnished later.

NEW SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY: The AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PRIMATOLOGISTS is now being formed. The purposes of the Society are to promote and encourage the discovery and exchange of information regarding primates, including all aspects of their anatomy, behavior, development, ecology, evolution, genetics, nutrition, physiology, reproduction, systematics, conservation, husbandry, and use in biomedical research.

Any person engaged in scientific primatology or interested in supporting the goals of the Society may apply for membership in the Society. Annual dues are \$12.00 except for students and those that are retired, for whom the dues are \$6.00. Membership may be obtained by sending a check or postal money order, made out to AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PRIMATOLOGISTS, to W. Richard Dukelow (Acting Treasurer); Endocrine Research Unit; Michigan State University; East Lansing, Michigan 48824. The founding meeting of the Society will be held in Seattle, Washington, April 16-19 in the Washington Plaza Hotel and the Seattle Center, immediately after the annual meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists and before the Western Psychological Association meeting. Further details of the meeting will be sent to all ASP members.

RUN-OFF BALLOT

This ballot should be mailed in an envelope bearing the voting member's name by 31 March 1977 to:

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FOR SECOND PRESIDENT-ELECT:

George Barlow _____
Frank Mc Kinney _____

FOR PROGRAM OFFICER:

Lee Drickamer _____
Joan Lockard _____

CARIBBEAN PRIMATE RESEARCH CENTER: The Cayo Santiago colony is available to qualified scientists for observational studies of free-ranging rhesus monkeys (M. mulatta) and other terrestrial and marine organisms. Potential investigators should submit written proposals to: Director, Caribbean Primate Research Center; Box 297; Sabana Seca, Puerto Rico 00749.

Proposals will be judged according to compatibility with other ongoing research at the colony, feasibility given the available facilities and characteristics of the population, and scientific merit. Proposals will be evaluated by the Director of the Caribbean Primate Research Center, the Scientist-in-Charge and Resident Scientist of Cayo Santiago, and an Advisory Board.

Prior visits to the research site and discussion with the staff are recommended. Visiting scientists will be provided genealogical and census records from the current population as required by their research. Additional records are available by prior agreement. Additional information may be obtained by writing: R. G. Rawlins, Resident Scientist - Cayo Santiago; Box 106; Punta Santiago, Puerto Rico 00741 (ph. 809-852-0690).

COLONIAL WATERBIRD GROUP: A Colonial Waterbird Group (CWG) was formed at the North American Wading Bird Conference on 16 October 1976. The group combines the North American Wading Bird Group and the Seabird Group from eastern North America. Preliminary objectives of the CWG are: 1) to encourage and coordinate standardized surveys of colonial waterbirds, 2) to assist efforts by conservationists related to protection and management of wetland and coastal ecosystems, and 3) to act as a clearinghouse of information for ongoing research and research opportunities. The group has established a newsletter as a channel of communication among the CWG members and plans a meeting late in 1977.

Chairperson of the pro tempore Steering Committee for CWG is John C. Ogden, editor of the Newsletter is Mitchell A. Byrd, and Secretary-Treasurer is Joanna Burger. All those interested in joining are urged to contact Joanna Burger; Department of Biology; Livingston College; Rutgers University; New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903. Dues for 1977 are \$5.00

SUMMER PROGRAM: The Chicago Zoological Society will again offer a summer program of student research in animal behavior at Brookfield Zoo. Participants will be selected principally on the basis of an original research proposal. The program will run from 6 June to 26 August; participants will receive a stipend of \$1,000. Applications are due 15 March. For further information write Student Research Program; Chicago Zoological Park; Brookfield, Illinois 60513 or call (312) 485-0263 x 70.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE: Ethologist. Assistant Professorial position involving active research in animal behavior utilizing some aspect of morphology. Teaching responsibilities in gross anatomy and animal behavior. Salary negotiable. Women and minority applicants are encouraged. Submit curriculum vitae, representative reprints, and three letters of recommendation to: Dr. Peter J. Hand, Chairman of Search Committee; Laboratories of Anatomy; Department of Animal Biology; School of Veterinary Medicine; University of Pennsylvania; Philadelphia, PA 19174.

Theoretical Ethologist. Assistant Professor position beginning August, 1977. Ph.D. required; postdoctoral research experience preferred. Research should emphasize theoretical aspects of animal behavior with an experimental approach. Must have demonstrated ability in teaching and in research as evidenced by publications. Teaching will include a graduate course in the specialty and participation in an undergraduate animal behavior course. Send curriculum vitae, reprints of publications, description of research interests and four letters of recommendation to: Dr. Victor Hutchison, Chairman; Dept. of Zoology; University of Oklahoma; 730 Van Vleet Oval; Norman, OK 73019 by March 15, 1977.

NEW BOOK: The New York Academy of Sciences has recently published Origins and Evolution of Language and Speech, the result of the first conference on the subject to be held in over 100 years. Edited by Stevan Harnad, Horst Steklis, and Jane Lancaster, the volume contains 75 papers by researchers from every pertinent discipline. The book can be ordered for \$60.00 from The New York Academy of Sciences; P.O. Box 4075, FDR Station; New York, New York 10022.

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