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In the year that has passed since the last Newsletter our Society has continued to grow and now numbers 422 members. The second meeting to be held in Vancouver in October 1988 is in the final planning stages and interest has been strong. Plans for a third meeting to be held in Uppsala in 1990 are well underway. The groundwork for the development of a journal has been completed, but the major decisions as to whether this is a desirable goal and, if so, the format and style will await the appearance of an elected executive and its opportunity to communicate with the membership at and following the Vancouver meeting. The Council of the Society has developed a tentative Constitution and a procedure for the election of an executive, both of which will be in place for the start of the Vancouver meeting. We seem to be off to a strong start.

THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL MEETING FOR BEHAVIORAL ECOLOGY by Dr Mart R. Gross

The Second International Conference on Behavioral Ecology will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada on 6-10 October 1988. The conference is chaired by Dr. Ron Ydenberg, and hosted by the Behavioral Ecology Research Group at Simon Fraser University.

This meeting will mark an exciting period for behavioral ecology. Not only will there be a large gathering of over 400 behavioral ecologists from throughout the world, but the meeting will host the inauguration of the International Society for Behavioral Ecology. Events include society business, inauguration of the executive, banquet, key-note address, theme sessions, invited speakers, contributed paper sessions, and posters. The lovely Vancouver area also has much to offer the visitor.

Over 300 abstracts have been received by the conference committee. The key-note address will be given by Dr. Eric Charnov, University of Utah, who will provide a perspective on the historic development of behavioral ecology, the current "hot" areas of research, and possible future directions of the field. The confirmed speakers in four theme sessions include:

Survival Strategies

Dr. Luc-Alain Giraldeau, Concordia University, Montreal
Dr. John Krebs, Oxford University
Dr. Steve Lima, University of Arizona, Tucson
Dr. Manfred Milinski, University of Bern
Dr. Graham Pyke, Australian Museum, Sydney
Dr. Judy Stamps, University of California, Davis

Reproductive Strategies

Dr. Nancy Burley, University of Illinois, Urbana
Dr. Serge Daan, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen
Dr. Darryl Gwynne, University of Toronto
Dr. Paul Harvey, Oxford University
Dr. Arne Lundberg, Uppsala University
Dr. Robert Trivers, University of California, Santa Cruz

Genetics of Behavioral Ecology

Dr. Stevan Arnold, University of Chicago
Dr. Fred Cooke, Queen's University, Kingston
Dr. Mark Kirkpatrick, University of Texas, Austin
Dr. Linda Partridge, University of Edinburgh
Dr. Arie J. van Noordwijk, University of Basel
Dr. John Werren, University of Rochester

Applied Behavioural Ecology

Dr. David Barash, University of Washington, Seattle
Dr. Marian Stamp Dawkins, Oxford University
Dr. H. Charles Godfray, Imperial College, Ascot
Dr. Gordon Orians, University of Washington, Seattle
Dr. Tony Sinclair, University of British Columbia, Vancouver
Dr. Margo Wilson, McMaster University, Hamilton

The submission date for further abstracts is now past. However, one can still register to attend this important meeting. Registration material is available by writing to Continuing Studies, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada V5A 1S6; or by phoning 604-291-4475. All behavioral ecologists are welcomed.

Please plan to attend this meeting. You will have an opportunity to contribute to the further development of behavioral ecology, and to influence a society dedicated to serving behavioral ecologists world-wide.

PROGRAM

Thursday 1400-1900 Posters mounted
(6 Oct.) 1600-1900 Registration
1900-2030 Business Meeting #1
2030- Welcome Reception

Friday 0830-1300 Late registration
(7 Oct.) 0900-1230 Theme Sessions: Reproductive and Survival
Strategies (invited speakers)
1230-1430 Open for lunch
1430-1800 Contributed paper sessions
1800-2000 Open for dinner
2000- Reception in the Sears Tower

Saturday 0830-1200 Contributed paper sessions
(8 Oct.) 1200-1330 Open for lunch
1330-1430 Keynote Address, Dr. E.L. Charnov
1430-1830 Poster Session
1900- Dinner and Reception in Vancouver Aquarium

Sunday 0900-1200 Theme Sessions: Genetics and Applied
(9 Oct.) Behavioral Ecology (invited speakers)
1230-1430 Open for lunch
1400-1800 Contributed paper sessions
1800-2000 Business Meeting #2
2000- Closing remarks

Monday 0900- Tours begin, also Workshops at SFU
(10 Oct.)

A SUGGESTION

North American members of the Society might consider adding to the opportunities for scientific exchange and helping to reduce the travel costs of overseas visitors by inviting them to speak at their own institutions during the period immediately preceding or following the Vancouver conference.

THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL MEETING FOR BEHAVIORAL ECOLOGY

The Third International Meeting for Behavioral Ecology will take place in conjunction with the Third Conference on Foraging Behavior in Uppsala, Sweden, August 22-26, 1990. It will be hosted by Professor Steffan Ulfstrand. Inquiries should be directed to Professor Ulfstrand, Department of Zoology, Box 561, S-751 22 Uppsala, Sweden (Tel. + 46 (0) 1818 2676).

FUTURE MEETINGS

Already some members have suggested hosting a meeting of the Society in 1992. Those who would be willing to do so should communicate with D. Kramer who will indicate their interest to the newly elected executive before the Vancouver meeting.

A NEW JOURNAL OF BEHAVIORAL ECOLOGY

At the Albany meeting a majority of those voting indicated interest in having a journal published under auspices of the new society. No formal discussions were held regarding the scope of the journal, its potential

format or editorial matters. One of the first actions of the new society at its first formal business meeting in Vancouver should be to pursue the issue of a journal. If that question is resolved in favor of a journal, then immediate discussions should focus on organization of the journal and its editorial board, as well as whether the journal will be funded through society dues or subscriptions. This discussion should occur at the Vancouver meeting so that detailed contacts can be made with publishers shortly after the meeting. Publishers estimate at least one year as the minimum start-up time for a new journal.

All seven publishers contacted have indicated interest in the journal. At least one potential publisher plans to have a representative at the meeting. It does not appear that we would have any trouble finding an acceptable publisher if we decide to proceed with the journal. However, no proposals to or from publishers have been detailed due to lack of specific information on the journal and its management.

A NAME AND CONSTITUTION FOR THE NEW SOCIETY

A tentative constitution for our society, which includes its official name, is appended to this Newsletter. All interested members, especially those having experience with the constitutions of other international societies, should examine it for possible flaws or problems and for opportunities for clarifications or improvements. Suggestions should be sent to D. Kramer for incorporation into a final version which will be included in the next Newsletter for approval by the membership.

ELECTION OF AN EXECUTIVE FOR THE SOCIETY

At the Vancouver meeting an elected executive will take over direction of the Society. Positions include President, President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, two Councillors to serve a 2-year term, and two Councillors to serve a 4-year term. A nominating committee consisting of Malte Andersson and Larry Wolf is charged with soliciting names, verifying willingness to serve and preparing a ballot. The ballot will appear in the next Newsletter (early August) permitting the ballots to be received and counted by late September. Members of the Society are hereby requested to provide Andersson or Wolf with names of potential candidates, preferably with an address and telephone number and, if possible, an indication of the qualifications of the potential nominees. In order to have the slate of candidates ready by August 1, it is imperative that suggestions be received as soon as possible. (Addresses and telephone numbers follow.)

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TENTATIVE CONSTITUTION

THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR BEHAVIORAL ECOLOGY

Article 1: NAME AND OBJECT. The Society shall be called "The International Society for Behavioral Ecology" hereafter referred to as "The Society". The object of The Society shall be to sponsor periodic scientific meetings for behavioral ecologists, to promote scientific research in behavioral ecology, and to foster the integration of various related disciplines with behavioral ecology. The Society shall be incorporated under the laws of the United States of America.

Article 2: MEMBERSHIP. Any person or institution interested in the study of behavioral ecology is eligible for membership. There will be three classes of membership: regular, student, and family. All classes will enjoy the same privileges. Family will not receive additional copies of bulletins, newsletters or journals produced by The Society. The student class will refer to undergraduates and graduate students.

Article 3: OFFICERS. The officers of The Society shall be President, President Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary. Each will serve a term of two years commencing at the biannual meeting. The President Elect will become President two years after being elected and the President may therefore not serve two consecutive terms. The Secretary and Treasurer may be re-elected.

Article 4: COUNCIL. The Council will govern The Society. The Council consists of the current officers (specified in Article 3) and four elected Councillors. (Every second year two Councillors will be elected to a four-year term.)

The Council shall determine publication policy for any journal sponsored by The Society, appoint a Managing Editor and Associate Editors as needed, oversee planning at periodic meetings of The Society, formulate and modify The Society's policies as necessary, authorize all expenditures by the Treasurer, and conduct other business as required. Between meetings the Council may vote and act by mail through the office of the Secretary. A quorum of the Council will consist of six members.

Article 5: ELECTIONS. The President will appoint a Nominating Committee not less than four months prior to an election. This committee will invite proposals for nomination from The Society's membership, and then will nominate two willing candidates for each of President Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary, and four for Councillor. In special circumstances a single nomination may be made for any office. Elections will take place by mail ballot before the biannual meeting.

Article 6: MEETINGS. The Society will hold scientific and business meetings together at least once every two years. The date and location of a meeting will be approved by the Council. The Council may arrange for joint programs with related scientific groups. The host institution(s) for each meeting will plan the format in consultation with the Council.

Article 7: AMENDMENTS. Amendments to the Constitution, or changes in the Constitution and Bylaws, may be proposed by any member in a written communication to the Secretary. Such proposals will then be presented to the Council for a vote. If approved by a majority of the Council, such proposals will be submitted to the membership in a mailed ballot at the time of the next election. A proposal will be adopted if favored by a simple majority of the members voting.

Article 8: FISCAL YEAR AND TENURE OF OFFICE. The Treasurer will maintain records on an annual basis, from 1 January to 31 December. The Treasurer will provide the Council a statement for the last preceding fiscal year by 1 July of each year.

BYLAWS

Article 1: DUTIES OF OFFICERS. The President will preside at scientific meetings and Council meetings. The President will appoint committees as directed by the Constitution and Bylaws, and as decided by the Council.

The Secretary will maintain The Society's records. The Secretary will inform the membership concerning periodic meetings, elections, and other Society business in a timely manner. The Secretary will take the chief responsibility as the Council's representative to any host institution(s) planning a scientific meeting for The Society's membership.

The Treasurer will take charge of the Society's funds and other assets. The Treasurer will handle all accounts of The Society, collect dues, accept contributions to The Society, and will act as fiscal manager for any publications sponsored by The Society.

Article 2: REMOVAL OF OFFICERS. Officers may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of the council, minus the officer under consideration.

Article 3: COMMITTEES. The Nominating Committee will consist of three members and should include members from at least two continents.

Other committees may be appointed by the President upon authorization by the Council.

Article 4: DISSOLUTION. In the event of dissolution or termination of The Society, title to and possession of all property of The Society shall pass forthwith to such organization as the membership of The Society shall deem best qualified to carry on the functions of The Society. The membership of

The Society shall make this determination by a simple majority vote conducted by mail ballot on proposals formulated by the Council. The voting shall be administered by the Secretary.

Article 5: GENERAL PROHIBITIONS. Notwithstanding any provision of the Constitution or Bylaws that might be susceptible to a contrary construction:

- a. The International Society for Behavioral Ecology shall be organized exclusively for scientific and educational purposes;
- b. The International Society for Behavioral Ecology shall be operated exclusively for scientific and educational purposes;
- c. no part of the net earnings of The International Society for Behavioral Ecology shall, or may, under any circumstances inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual;
- d. no substantial part of the activities of The International Society for Behavioral Ecology shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation;
- e. The International Society for Behavioral Ecology shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) political campaigns on behalf of any candidates for public office;
- f. The International Society for Behavioral Ecology shall not be organized or operated for profit;
- g. The International Society for Behavioral Ecology shall not:
 - 1) lend any part of its income or corpus without the receipt of adequate security and a reasonable rate of interest;
 - 2) pay any compensation in excess of a reasonable allowance for salaries or other compensation for personal services actually rendered;
 - 3) make any part of its services available on preferential bases;
 - 4) make any purchase of securities or any other property for more than adequate consideration in money or money's worth;
 - 5) sell any securities or other property for less than adequate consideration in money or money's worth.
 - 6) engage in any other transaction which results in substantial diversion of its income or corpus to any officer, member of the Council or substantial contributor to The Society.

The prohibitions contained in this subsection (g) do not imply that The International Society for Behavioral Ecology may make such loans, payments, sales or purchases to anyone else, unless such authority be given by or implied by other provisions of the Constitution or Bylaws.