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From the president

With this, my last column as President, I wish to extend a warm welcome to our incoming President, Nick Davies, who will take over the reins of office at our meeting in Zurich. I also wish to offer congratulations to our new President-elect, Malte Andersson. I step down confident that our Society is in good hands...

Our discipline is vibrant and strong. Our journal continues to publish first rate papers, thanks to the steady stream of excellent manuscripts flowing in from the membership. And our outreach efforts are about to make the results of our research more available to the general public. I am pleased to report that our "lay summary initiative" is in the process of implementation. Some of you who have recently had a manuscript accepted by Behavioral Ecology will already have completed our lay summary request form. All of you will be doing so in the near future. We hope to have lay summaries of all articles available on-line at the Society's (OUP's) homepage starting with the first issue of Volume 12. With a little bit of luck, it may occur even sooner. I wish to thank our executive committee, David Prosser at OUP, and especially our editors for helping to bring this initiative to fruition.

The coming of the Millennium brought the sad news of the passing of one of the giants of our field, William D. Hamilton. His contributions to behavioral ecology were monumental and his intellect, as well as his dry wit, will be sorely missed by all of us.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Zurich. By all accounts, it promises to be an excellent meeting. It has been a privilege to be able to serve the membership during these past two years. I thank you for having given me this opportunity.



Stephen T. Emlen

Editorial

The next issue of the Newsletter will come out with the November/December 2000 issue of *Behavioral Ecology*. Copy that reaches me **before 30**September can be included.

Thanks to all who contributed to this issue.

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Society News

Election of ISBE Officers

Thank you to everyone who voted in the recent ballot. The results are as follows:

President-elect:

Malte Andersson

Treasurer:

Walter Koenig

Councillors:

Marty Leonard

Linda Whittingham

Marion Petrie

Donated Subscription Programme

Please help colleagues in need. Every donation will help increase scientific contacts across the world. In a time when nationalism is again raising its ugly head, this is more important than ever. For details, see the newest issues of our journal Behavioral Ecology.

Spousal Membership

For \$5 per year spouses of full members can become members of ISBE. Spousal members receive the annual newsletter and information concerning biannual meetings, but do not receive a subscription to the journal. Please see information in any issue of Behavioral Ecology.

Grants and Jobs

VOLUNTEERS

Approximately 30 volunteer positions are open in 2000 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.

Volunteers are needed between March 14 and November 1. Appointments are for part of this period, with a minimum appointment of six weeks. Applicants for summer (June-August) and fall positions (September-November) should apply as soon as possible.

For applications, write: Dr. Wade C. Sherbrooke, Director, Southwestern Research Station, American Museum of Natural History, Portal, AZ 85632 USA; telephone 520-558-2396; e-mail: swrs@amnh.org

SOUTHWESTERN RESEARCH STATION STUDENT SUPPORT FUND

The American Museum of Natural History awards several grants each year of approximately \$400-\$800 to graduate students or postdoctoral students pursuing research at its Southwestern Research Station in the Chiricahua Mountains, Portal, Arizona.

Information and application forms for this program and other Museum grant programs can be obtained by contacting: Office of Grants and Fellowships, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York, NY 10024-5192; e-mail:rnavarro@amnh.org

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