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Call for Nominations for Society Executive

At the Uppsala meeting, ISBE President-Elect Linda Partridge will assume the Presidency, and five new Officers will join the Society's Executive Committee: a new President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer, and two new Councillors. Members are hereby invited to nominate candidates for these five Executive positions. Send the names of nominees, *before May 31*, to either

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Please include each nominee's address, and, if possible, electronic mail address, telephone and FAX numbers, so that the nominating committee can verify potential candidates' willingness to stand before placing their names before the membership. Ballots will be sent out to the ISBE membership in early June, so that the election can be completed and its results determined in good time for the Uppsala meeting.



Third International Conference of Behavioral Ecology *Uppsala, August 22 - 26, 1990*

Host Staffan Ulfstrand writes that conference preparation is proceeding without problems. The organizers are anticipating an attendance of about 500. The next circular to all who have responded to earlier notices will be sent out in May, with a preliminary program, and other information, including how to get to Uppsala. If you have not received conference information and wish to do so, contact host

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Society President John Krebs writes,

For the Uppsala meeting, there is a small bursary, derived from royalties on the Foraging Symposium book edited by Kamil, Krebs & Pulliam. We proposed to use the money to offer a small number of travel grants to good students presenting talks on foraging behaviour at Uppsala (there may be 3 - 4 grants of US\$ 150). The student grants will be awarded after the program is finalised, by a review committee.



Fourth International Conference of Behavioral Ecology *Princeton, August, 1992*

The ISBE Executive Committee is pleased to announce that we have accepted an offer from Dan Rubenstein and colleagues at Princeton University, Princeton NJ, U.S.A., to host the 1992 conference. Exact dates are to be determined, but will be similar to those of the Uppsala meeting.

News Bulletin

ISBE Society Membership and *Behavioral Ecology* Subscription Become Isomorphic

As promised, the new official journal of the International Society for Behavioral Ecology, *Behavioral Ecology*, will make its debut in August 1990, at the biennial meeting in Uppsala. Thenceforth, membership in the Society and subscription to the journal will be one and the same, with Oxford University Press collecting the dues and maintaining the membership list. You will soon be receiving membership information from Oxford, but here's a preview.

(1) There will be two prices for ISBE membership (including *Behavioral Ecology* subscription):

Ordinary membership for US\$ 39.50 per annum (per 4-issue volume).

Student membership for US\$ 22.50 (student status to be documented by a photocopy of current student ID).

(2) Volume 1 (1990) will consist of only two issues, and will be available for an ordinary member's price of US\$ 19.75 or a student price of US\$ 15.00.

(3) None of you will have to pay the above prices, however, because Oxford is offering an irresistible initial deal on Volumes 1 and 2 (totalling 6 issues):

Ordinary membership for US\$ 44.00 (a savings of more than 25% off the \$59.25 you would pay for Volumes 1 and 2 separately).

Student membership for US\$ 25.50 (a savings of 32%).

For each subscriber/member, \$2.50 of the annual subscription will go into the Society's coffers, financing the continued production of a newsletter, costs of elections, and other minor expenditures. The editors of *Behavioral Ecology* and the ISBE executive are pleased with Oxford's pricing and commitments to the new journal, and hope that the membership is also pleased. As soon as you receive the offer from Oxford, do *Behavioral Ecology* and your Society a favor by subscribing promptly (and by signing up your friends who haven't joined yet, too).

And while we're on the subject, if you've recently completed some superb piece of work and are pondering the appropriate vehicle for making it known to the world, think about *Behavioral Ecology*. Don Kramer (Western hemisphere editor) informs me that as of April 1st, 29 manuscripts had been received, of which 11 have been accepted and 9 rejected, with 9 still under review. Don adds:

Oxford has produced a very striking design for the cover which will feature a different photograph or drawing on each issue. We are going to have a fine-looking, high quality journal. However, this is a critical stage for support by members of the Society. There was overwhelming approval of the idea of founding a journal and a strong indication of the need for it. At this stage, it is critical that we have a continuous supply of high quality articles. In addition, we have a need for previously unpublished photographs and drawings of behaving animals to use for covers and advertising material. These can be sent to either editor for consideration.

See this Newsletter's next three pages for detailed instructions for submission.

Behavioral Ecology

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Instructions for Authors

Behavioral Ecology publishes original articles, reviews, and correspondence on all aspects of the field of behavioral ecology, encompassing both empirical and theoretical work and covering the range from invertebrates to man. The journal accepts papers in areas such as habitat selection; foraging, antipredator, mating, and parental care strategies; dispersal and migration; sexual selection; cooperation and conflict; communication; spacing and group behavior; and social organization.

Manuscripts must be in English and are accepted for consideration with the understanding that they have been submitted solely to *Behavioral Ecology* and that they have not been previously published, either in whole or in part. All animal experimentation reported in the journal must have been carried out in accordance with the legal and ethical standards of the country in which the work was performed. A cover letter accompanying the manuscript should confirm both of these points.

Authors should refer to the following guidelines when preparing manuscripts, or their papers may be returned to them for correction. All submissions will be reviewed by one of the editors and at least two outside reviewers. Authors may suggest the names of potential referees.

Manuscript preparation.

Manuscripts should be typewritten on 8 1/2" x 11" or 22 cm x 28 cm medium-weight paper, with margins on all four sides of at least 1 1/4" or 30 mm. Use double-spacing throughout and assemble the sections in the following order: title page, acknowledgments, abstract, text, references, tables, and figure legends. Number the

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pages consecutively, beginning with the title page. Authors residing in North, South, and Central America should send the original and two copies to Donald Kramer; those in other parts of the world should send theirs to Dr. Staffan Ulfstrand (addresses above).

Title page. The title page should include the title (concise but informative, not to exceed 80 characters in length); the first name, middle initial, and last name of all authors and their institutional affiliations; the name, address, and telephone number of the author responsible for correspondence; and the name and address of the author to whom reprint requests should be sent. Authors should include a short title for use in the running titles.

Acknowledgments. On a separate page list any acknowledgments and the current address of any author(s) whose institutional affiliation has changed since the work reported was performed.

Abstract. Each article should include a one-paragraph abstract of not more than 250 words that begins on a separate page and is complete without reference to the text. Do not use acronyms or complex abbreviations. *Key words* for indexing should be listed at the end of the abstract.

The Text. Beginning on a separate page, the text should be clear, readable, and concise. The first-person active voice is preferable to the impersonal passive voice. Keep the number of figures and tables in proportion to the amount of text and do not use footnotes. American spelling should be used throughout, except in quotations and references. Reserve the use of underlining and italics for scientific species names and the symbols for variables and constants.

References. All works included in the reference section should be referred to in the text. Citations should be typed alphabetically on a separate sheet, double-spaced and unnumbered. They should be referred to in the text by the name(s) of the first author(s) and the year of publication in parenthesis, using the following format and punctuation: (Able, Baker, 1987) or Able and Baker (1987). Use the first author's name and "et al." when there are more than two authors. The order for references within parentheses in the text should be alphabetical. For works by the same author(s) in the same year, append a lower case a, b, c, etc. to the year of publication. The reference list should conform to the following styles.

Journal article: Author AB, Author CD, Author EF, 1985a. Title of article. *J Hered* 60:128-132.

Paper in a conference proceedings: Author AB, Author IJ, Author KL, 1985b. Title of conference paper. In: Unabbreviated Title of Symposium or Conference, Location, Date (Able ST, ed). Cambridge, Massachusetts: Publisher's name; 137-180.

Book: Author GH, Author IJ, 1985a. Title of book. Chicago: Publisher's Name.

Chapter in a book: Author GH, Author IJ, 1985b. Title of a chapter: a subtitle. In: Title of book, 2nd ed (Able MN, Baker OP, eds). Philadelphia: Publisher's Name; 200-235.

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Only published material or material accepted for publication should be included in the reference list; such things as personal communications, unpublished data, manuscripts in preparation, etc., should be incorporated in the text in parentheses with the surname and initials of the source, e.g., (Able OP, personal communication).

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Tables. Because tables are expensive and difficult to set only data essential in illustrating important points should be included. They should be typed double-spaced, each on a separate page, and numbered using Arabic numerals; do not use vertical rules and use only those horizontal rules absolutely necessary for clarity. Table titles should be concise. Explanatory material, notes on measurements, and other general information that applies to the whole table should be included as the first, unnumbered footnote and not in the table title.

Figures. All figures must be referred to in the text and should be accompanied by a legend that incorporates any necessary explanatory material. Figure legends should be as concise as possible. Number all line drawings, photographs, or diagrams consecutively with Arabic numerals and place a stick-on label on the back of each with the number, name of the author(s), and title of the article. Figure legends should be typed together on a separate sheet. All figures should fit comfortably into one, two, or three columns (2 3/4", 6", or 7 3/4" wide by up to 9" deep). Although they may be prepared and submitted larger than final size, identifying lettering should be sized so its smallest elements will be readable when reduced. For the most attractive final result, authors should plan for the smallest possible printed size compatible with clarity.

Drawings and graphs. All figures other than photographs should be submitted as glossy prints of the original art. Place labels parallel to the axes, using initial capital and lower-case roman letters. Use italic type only to identify variables, constants, and scientific species names. Typewritten and hand-lettered charts and graphs will not be accepted. Computer-generated figures will not be accepted unless they are of a quality comparable to professionally drawn illustrations. Figures considered unsuitable for publication because of poor letter quality, broken type, etc., will be returned to the author for correction.

Black-and-white photographs. To reproduce well, photographs should be sharp, with good contrast between light and dark areas. Photographs making up a composite illustration should be mounted on a lightweight mounting board in the desired configuration. Do not leave any space between the individual prints making up a composite illustration. The printer will insert a fine line to separate the images.

Color photographs. The journal will publish color photographs provided that the author absorbs the additional cost.

Cover. An illustration will be featured on the cover of each issue. Authors are encouraged to submit high-quality drawings or photographs for possible use as a cover illustration.

Proofs and reprints.

Authors are expected to proofread their article promptly and carefully, correcting all printer's errors. Because changes to the actual text are expensive once the article has been typeset, authors making excessive changes will be invoiced by the publisher.

There will be a reprint order form included with the page proofs. Authors may order reprints in lots of 100 by enclosing this form when they return their proofs.