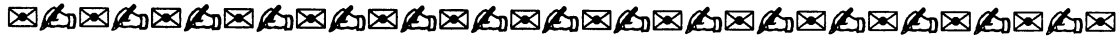


ISBE NEWSLETTER



EDITORIAL

No doubt- this was a hot meeting in Princeton. Regrets for those who couldn't attend. Well, what is the lasting impression of the 4th International Conference on Behavioral Ecology ? Perhaps it was the sheer size of the meeting that was most impressive. This is both a sign of health and vigour as well as a sign for potential trouble. The big attendance, the many young colleagues, and the variety of topics discussed in Princeton are surely a very encouraging sign for the field and for this society. Behavioral Ecology with its fourth meeting is visibly a very active area of research. Also, as the plenary lectures have made clear, behavioral ecology has active interfaces with many neighbouring areas, be it population biology, physiology, or conservation biology.

A success has also its problems. In the case of the ISBE conferences, this is simply because a meeting with 2'000 people cannot be run in the same way as a meeting with 200. How the character of our meetings should look like, whether access to presentations should be more regulated, and other problems related to this, needs to be discussed in the near future. However, as the Princeton meeting has shown again, it is the uncomplicated and relatively informal character of the ISBE meetings that stands out against other such conferences. At this point, we should all like to thank the organisers for their efforts and in particular that they have supported many participants from the developing countries. Goodbye Princeton, hello Nottingham !

A final note: As from the next issue, the Newsletter will be edited by Ron Ydenberg from Simon Fraser University, Vancouver. I wish him the very best for this job.



SOCIETY NEWS

The new officers for 1992-1994

Results of ballot:

Votes	
for President-elect:	
Nancy Burley	83
Bob Warner	73
for Secretary:	
Walter Koenig	86
Marion Petrie	68
Council:	
Gunilla Rosenqvist	85
Anders Møller	83
Carin Magnhagen	71

Therefore, the new officers are
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- Larry Dill, President
- Nancy Burley, President-Elect
- Walter Koenig, Secretary
- Paul Schmid-Hempel, Treasurer
- Patricia Gowaty, Councillor
- Tim Roper, Councillor
- Anders Møller, Councillor
- Gunilla Rosenqvist, Councillor

DONATED SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAMME

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

SPOUSAL MEMBERSHIP

A new possibility to join our society. For \$ 5 per year spouses of full members can become

members of ISBE. Spousal members would receive the annual newsletter and information concerning biannual meetings, but would not receive a subscription to the journal. Please see information in the next issues of *Behavioral Ecology*.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Excerpt from the report presented at the business meeting of the society on August 20 in Princeton:

The society's accounts are currently kept in a savings account in Swiss Francs. The balance has increased from US-\$ 2,644.13 plus Can-\$ 320.45 at the meeting in Uppsala (August 1990) to SFr 8,672.70 (US-\$ 6,671.30) as of 30 June 1992. The society receives dues of \$2.50 for every member. This amounted to \$2,150 in 1991 and to \$ 2,045 in 1992. There were 579 regular plus 281 student members for 1991 (i.e. registered on Dec 30, 1990) and 593 regular, 225 student members for the 1992 dues. Production and mailing of the Newsletter costs ca. \$ 500-600 per issue. So far, the society has never had to pay for extra costs incurred by the secretary, or for any of the meetings held by the executive. With the reality of cuts in university budgets, the secretarial costs (e.g. postage etc.) will have to be covered by the society in the future. However, the general policy is to accumulate funds that eventually could be used for society goals, for example, to support students attending the meeting.

Paul Schmid-Hempel

ISBE <-> OUP

During the business meeting of the society in Princeton, it has become clear that many of the membership would like to have some information on technical details surrounding the society, particularly the relationship of ISBE with Oxford University Press. Here, we would only like to mention that there exists an agreement between ISBE and OUP with very helpful terms for the society. A glossary of this and related topics will be prepared for the next issue of the Newsletter.

MEETINGS OF INTEREST

- **Ecology of Aquatic Insects.** 3 December. Royal entomological Society, London. Contact: R.O.Clements, AFRC Institute of Grassland and Environmental Research, North Wyke, Okehampton, Devon EX20 2SB.

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- **XII International Congress of Comparative Endocrinology.** 16-21 May, Toronto, Canada. Contact: 12th International Congress of Comparative Endocrinology, Dept.of Zoology, University of Toronto, 25 Harbord Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 1A1.
- **Tropical Rainforest Research.** 9-17 April, University of Brunei. Contact: Conference Organiser, University of Brunei Darussalam, Bandar Seri Bagawam 3186, Brunei Darussalam.
- **International Union of Game Biologists XXI Congress. Forest wildlife and biodiversity.** 15-21 August, Halifax, Canada. Contact: I.D.Thompson, Forestry Canada, Box 6028, St.John's Newfoundland, Canada A1C 5X8.
- **15th International Botanical Congress.,** 18 August - 3 September, Tokyo, Japan. Contact: M.Furuya, Frontier Research Programs, The Riken Institute, Wako City, 351-01, Japan.
- **XXIII International Ethological Conference.** 1-9 September, Torremolinos, Spain. Contact: Dr.Anna Omedes, General Secretary, XXIII Int.Ethol.Conference, Ap. 98033, Barcelona 08080, Spain.

OPPORTUNITIES

- **International Ethological Conference, Torremolinos, Spain, September 1-9, 1993.**

The U.S. Ethological Conference Committee is applying for a grant from NSF for partial support of travel for younger scientists to attend the XXIII IEC meeting. The costs of the conference will be relatively low compared to recent IEC meetings. If we are funded, the US Ethological Conference Committee (USECC) will use the funds to support younger U.S. scientists - defined as those who received their Ph.D. degree between 1988 and 1992 or who will complete their Ph.D. during 1993. To apply for a travel award, please submit the following items to: Dr.Patricia Adair Gowaty, USECC Representative, Dept.of Zoology, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia 30602, to be received no sooner than 1 January 1993 and no later than 15 January 1993: (a) seven (7) copies of a 1-2 page curriculum vitae, (b) 7 copies of the abstract you will be submitting for consideration to the IEC program and (c) 7 copies of two letters of recommendation sent separately by the recommendors. For those who have not completed their Ph.D. it is desirable that the major professor include an assurance that the degree will be completed during 1993. Deadline for applications: 15 January 1993. We hope to notify all applicants by 1 April 1993. Other questions about this competition may be addressed to Dr.Gowaty, Dept.of Biological Sciences, Clemson University, Clemson, SC 29634-1903; phone 803 656-3622 until 15 December. After this date, you may contact her at the University of Georgia address noted above.

- **Ph.D.Position(s)** are available in the group of Experimental Ecology, Dept. of Environmental Sciences, as from April 1993 to work on problems of transmission strategies and host specificity in parasites of insects. A background in behavioral ecology, evolutionary ecology, or population genetics is most welcome. For applications write: Paul Schmid-Hempel,

ETH Zürich, Institute of Terrestrial Ecology, Grabenstrasse 3, CH-8952 Schlieren (Zürich), Switzerland. Phone: +41-1-733 6033, fax: +41-1-731 0783, e-mail: psh@syz.ife.ethz.ch.

- **Volunteers.** Approximately 20 volunteer positions are open in 1993 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 15 and November 1. Appointments are for part of this period, with a minimum appointment of six weeks. Applicants for spring positions (March-May) should submit applications by February 15, summer volunteers (June-August) by April, and fall volunteers (September-November) may apply any time.

For applications write: Dr. Wade C. Sherbrooke, Director, Southwestern Research Station, American Museum of Natural History, Portal AZ 85632 USA; telephone 602-558-2396.

- **Interdisciplinary Training Opportunities in Animal Behavior, UC Davis.** Opportunities are available for postdoctoral training, graduate training and undergraduate summer fellowships through the Research Training Group in Animal Behavior, supported by the Directorate of Biological Sciences of the National Science Foundation.

The aim of this program is to provide broadly interdisciplinary training for outstanding students to address problems in the study of animal behavior. The Research Training Group comprises 22 faculty participants from the fields of animal

physiology, animal sciences, avian sciences, biological anthropology, environmental studies, psychology, veterinary medicine, wildlife and fisheries biology and zoology. A second explicit aim of the program is to increase representation of underrepresented groups in the behavioral and biological sciences. Selection will be based on academic accomplishment and promise of ability to benefit maximally from interdisciplinary training.

Postdoctoral training: 2-year appointment, starting stipend \$ 18,600 plus medical benefits. Deadline: December 15, 1992 (or until filled).

Graduate training: 4 years of support, annual 9-month stipend of \$ 9,324 plus payment of tuition and educational fees for enrolment in a graduate program. Applicants must apply separately to an appropriate graduate program at UC Davis. Deadline: January 15, 1993.

Undergraduate summer fellowships: 2-month research interships, \$750 stipend plus room, board and roundtrip transportation to Davis. Deadline: February 15, 1993.

All applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents. The University of California is an equal opportunity / affirmative action employer. For application contact: Jeni Trevitt, Animal Behavior Program, University of California, Davis CA 95616-8734. Phone (916) 752-4863, Fax (916) 752-8391, e-mail: jmtrevitt@uc-davis.edu.

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✂ Finally, I will hand over the editorship of this Newsletter to Ron Ydenberg as from the next issue. Good luck to him ! - Paul

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