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# ***NEWSLETTER***



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## **From the *Editor* of the Newsletter**

The ASP newsletter accepts information and news of a parasitological nature from all disciplines. Please assist me in making the content of the ASP newsletter highly relevant. We will be posting material on the web as they are generated by you, the **reader** and **contributor**.

Starting with the next issue of the newsletter, we will be including news with highlights of parasitological events, institutions, and ideas from south of the border of the United States. The editor and soon to be announced **new associate editors** (see last page) will be working with our colleagues in southern North America and Central and South America to make the ASP Newsletter truly "American" by inclusion. Of course, we will not forget the north, either so, in both directions, watch out for a phone call or e-mail from one of the editorial staff. Of course you could be proactive and send us something before we call or write!

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American Society of Parasitologists Newsletter Editor  
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# Positions

## Parasitologist

Primary responsibility will be undergraduate teaching averaging 12 credits per semester (24/year). Teaching includes an introductory animal biology course (Biology 160) and parasitology (Biology 362/562). After the second year, there will be opportunity to develop or collaborate in additional coursework appropriate to specialization. Successful candidates will be expected to maintain a research program, and participate in student advising, and other Department and University service. Involvement of undergraduates in research and pursuit of extramural funding are strongly encouraged. On-line course descriptions are available at <http://www.uwsp.edu/news/uwspcatalog/cbiology.htm>

University Description: The Department of Biology at the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point is offering a tenure-track, nine-month faculty position as a Parasitologist. UWSP is a four-year, primarily undergraduate, comprehensive university with an emphasis on teaching. The Biology Department was the recipient of the University of Wisconsin Regents' award for excellence in teaching and undergraduate research.

Qualifications: Candidates must have coursework and research in parasitology, and breadth of training commensurate with teaching in a quality undergraduate department. Candidates with backgrounds in entomology, immunology, and/or epidemiology are strongly encouraged to apply. A Ph. D. is preferred, and will be required before tenure decision. Postdoctoral research, publications, a successful grant history, and prior teaching experience will be favorably considered.

Appointment Date: August 22, 2004

Terms of Employment: Assistant Professor of Biology (Instructor if Ph.D. is not completed.) Salary commensurate with qualifications.

Application Procedure Completed applications must include: (1) curriculum vitae, (2) one-page statement of teaching goals and philosophy, (3) three letters submitted by persons familiar with your qualifications and (4) copies of complete undergraduate and graduate transcripts. All applications, supporting materials, and correspondence should be addressed to:

Parasitologist, Dr. Robert Bell, Chair, Department of Biology, CNR Building, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point, WI 54481-3897 TEL: (715)346-2074; FAX (715)346-3624; email: [rbell@uwsp.edu](mailto:rbell@uwsp.edu)

Deadline: Review of applications begins 10 February until filled.

The University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Women, minorities, Vietnam era veterans, disabled veterans, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Under a court approved settlement agreement and Wisconsin Statutes, we are required to provide a

list of all nominees and applicants who have not requested in writing (addressed to the UWSP Equity & Affirmative Action Office) that their identity not be revealed. Persons agreeing to be final candidates will have their identity revealed as a final candidate.

## **TENURE-TRACK ASSISTANT PROFESSOR FACULTY POSITION IN PARASITOLOGY**

The Biology Department, University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point, recipient of the UW Regents Teaching Excellence Award, offers a tenure-track, nine-month faculty position in Parasitology, beginning August 2004. Responsibilities include teaching introductory zoology and parasitology, research involving undergraduates, student advising, and department service. Other specialty courses can be developed but are not required.

We require a zoologist with coursework, research, and a PhD in parasitology or related area, such as immunology or epidemiology; and a commitment to undergraduate education. Demonstrable teaching and research experience preferred. Postdoctoral research, publications, grant history, and educational creativity are viewed favorably. The department is committed to the enhancement of faculty, student, and curricular diversity.

Appointment at Assistant Professor, salary based on qualifications. Applications must include: (1) curriculum vitae, (2) statement of teaching philosophy, (3) three letters of recommendation and (4) official transcripts. All applications and supporting materials should be addressed to:

Dr. Robert Bell, Chair; Biology Dept.  
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point  
Stevens Point, WI 54481-3897

Review of applications begins 10 February until filled. For more information - TEL: (715) 346-2074; FAX: (715) 346-3624; [rbell@uwsp.edu](mailto:rbell@uwsp.edu).

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## **FACULTY POSITIONS MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR PHYSIOLOGY**

The Department of Molecular and Cellular Physiology at the University of Cincinnati is recruiting multiple faculty at the level of ASSISTANT or ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR. We seek colleagues that can contribute to a broadly interpreted theme of membrane physiology, building upon departmental and institutional strengths in membrane transport, epithelial biology, cell and tissue development, contractility, and hormonal regulation. A strong modern infrastructure (including bioinformatics, mutant mouse models, and imaging) will support research approaches studying molecular events in biologic systems that span the scale from single cells to whole organisms. Faculty members are expected to sustain an externally funded research program, have a strong commitment to graduate and medical education, and contribute to our vigorous collaborative environment. Candidates should have a doctoral degree, and will be considered for a faculty rank and track commensurate with experience. Review of applications will commence upon receipt, and will continue until all positions are filled. Please send a curriculum vitae, statement of research interests, and the names of four potential references to:

Marshall H. Montrose, Ph.D., Chair  
Department of Molecular and Cellular Physiology  
University of Cincinnati College of Medicine  
231 Albert Sabin Way  
4251 Medical Sciences Building  
Cincinnati, OH 45267-0576

E-mail: [marilyn.paolo@uc.edu](mailto:marilyn.paolo@uc.edu)

University of Cincinnati is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. Women, minorities, disabled persons, and Vietnam Era and disabled veterans are encouraged to apply.

### **Department of Health and Human Services, National**

Institutes of Health, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, Postdoctoral Positions in Epithelial Physiology. The Laboratory of Kidney and Electrolyte Metabolism, NHLBI, National Institutes of Health invites applications for two postdoctoral positions to study molecular aspects of salt-water homeostasis in renal and lung epithelia.

Specific projects include:

- 1) Study of ion channel structure-function relationships;
- 2) Identification and characterization of key protein-protein interactions in channel assembly and function; and
- 3) Elucidation of complex signaling events regulating trans-epithelial transport.

Position 1: Electrophysiologist. Experience using single-channel and/or whole-cell clamp recordings is required.

Position 2: Molecular Biologist. Requires strong interdisciplinary background in molecular, cell biology and optical methods. Doctoral degree and proficiency in English as demonstrate! Must have less than 5 years postdoctoral experience.

Please send CV/bibliography, names of three references to:

Viswanathan Raghuram, PhD, Investigator  
LKEM, NHLBI, NIH, 10 CENTER DR MSC-1603  
Building 10, Room 7D13  
Bethesda, MD 20892-1603  
email: [raghuramv@nhlbi.nih.gov](mailto:raghuramv@nhlbi.nih.gov)

Applications should be received no later than February 28, 2004. DHHS and NIH are Equal Opportunity Employers. (1/23/04)

### **Project leader - Biological Research & Development**

Plan, manage and organize research studies for developing new vaccine products, investigating and developing new scientific methods and techniques and facilitating product licensure. Will work on vaccine development against diseases caused by parasites in domestic animals.

Requirements: PHD in a relative scientific discipline, strong background in parasitology/ microbiology and innovative, results oriented approach are required. Prior experience in licensing veterinary vaccines with the USDA and /or EU regulatory authorities is desirable. Prefer post doctoral or industry experience.

Contact Information:

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## **Veterinary Parasitologist**

### **Faculty**

#### **Caribbean – St. Kitts**

Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine has promoted more students into clinical clerkships at affiliated U.S. Colleges of Veterinary Medicine than any other school in the world.

The School of Medicine, founded in 1978, and the School of Veterinary Medicine, founded in 1982, are dedicated to educating students who are interested in pursuing a Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. The mission of the schools is to prepare highly

dedicated students to become effective, successful physicians/veterinarians in the United States. Since its inception, the School of Medicine has graduated over 4,000 students, and the School of Veterinary Medicine graduated over 1,300 students.

Together, Ross University School of Medicine and School of Veterinary Medicine are a subsidiary of DeVry, Inc., the second largest private university in the U.S. Ross University enrollment, registrar and financial aid services are located in Edison, NJ.

Veterinary Parasitologist Faculty position responsible for teaching veterinary parasitology.

**Essential Responsibilities:** This position is strictly a teaching position with no research or publication required. All instruction is in English and is based on North American veterinary curriculum (almost all students are from North America). The course is composed of didactic

lectures and a laboratory and is evaluated by means of written term, final, and laboratory examinations.

**Responsibilities include:**

- \* The preparation of course material
- \* The delivery of lecture and laboratory material (handout, etc.)
- \* The preparation, administration, marking and reporting of examination.

Professional rank and salary will be commensurate with successful candidate's qualifications and expertise.

**Required Credentials and Education:** DVM and PhD with teaching experience in veterinary parasitology in the U.S., Canada, U.K. or equivalent.

To apply, please visit our website [www.rossvet.edu](http://www.rossvet.edu); select Careers at RUSVM and complete our online application process. Ross University offers competitive salary (potentially tax-free) relocation assistance to and from the island, deferred pension program, medical benefits and

25 days of paid annual leave is provided along with opportunities for professional development. EOE

## **\*Postdoctoral Positions in the Ecology of Emerging and Infectious diseases\***

### **\*Montana\*\* Tech of The \*\*University\*\* of \*\*Montana\***

Pending funding, Montana Tech is anticipating filling two Post Doctoral positions to assist in projects examining the ecology of Sin Nombre Virus in deer mouse populations. One position will be primarily ecologically oriented the other will also involve lab work on viral genomes. Both positions will require teaching one undergraduate biology course per semester. The research aspects of these positions require considerable field work during all seasons. These positions are anticipated to be funded for five years and will start 1 July 2004.

Montana Tech has been studying the ecology of SNV in both sylvan and peridomestic populations in Montana since 1994. Our sylvan studies are conducted on 18 live trapping grids located in several habitats in western and central Montana. Most peridomestic study sites are located near Butte, Montana with other sites near Great Falls and Polson Montana. The Post Docs will be working with our current team and will expand ongoing studies. Projects include the effects of dispersal in both sylvan and peridomestic settings on the maintenance of SNV in deer mouse populations, the effects of habitat modification on spread of SNV and geographic variation of SNV and other projects. There is ample “room” for Post Docs to incorporate associated projects of their own design. Courses to be taught include Ecology, Anatomy and Physiology, Evolution and Introductory Biology.

Montana Tech is located about half way between Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks. We are within minutes of both sylvan and peridomestic field sites that are persistently occupied by deer mice with antibodies against SNV. The college is a small, mostly engineering related school. The biology department originally provided courses for Environmental Engineers and Occupational and Health students. Biology has expanded with major role in preparing students for health related fields and a very active research program. We have about 50 majors. All students are required to prepare a senior thesis and the Post Docs will be required to interact with students in research.

Butte is a historically rich small-town in the Northern Rocky Mountains and is surrounded by unrivalled four-season outdoor recreational opportunities. Butte is a compact city with inexpensive housing and excellent schools.

For information please contact:

Dr. Amy Kuenzi, 406 496 4793 [akuenzi@mtech.edu](mailto:akuenzi@mtech.edu) <<mailto:akuenzi@mtech.edu>>

Or

Dr. Richard Douglass 406 496 4450 [rdouglass@mtech.edu](mailto:rdouglass@mtech.edu) <<mailto:rdouglass@mtech.edu>>

## Meetings - More data on the meeting will be published in the June Newsletter

### **Systema Helminthum and More to Sell at ASP Auction In Philadelphia**

For systematists who relish the feel of a real book in your hand, the ASP Auction in Philadelphia is an absolute must! Dr. Bruce Christensen, ASP President, has generously donated several out of print references by Satyu Yamaguti.

These are essential reference items for those working with the biology and taxonomy of helminths and include the following:

Volumes I-V of Systema Helminthum;

Vol I, Digenetic Trematodes Part 1 and 2 (1958);

Vol II, Cestodes (1959);

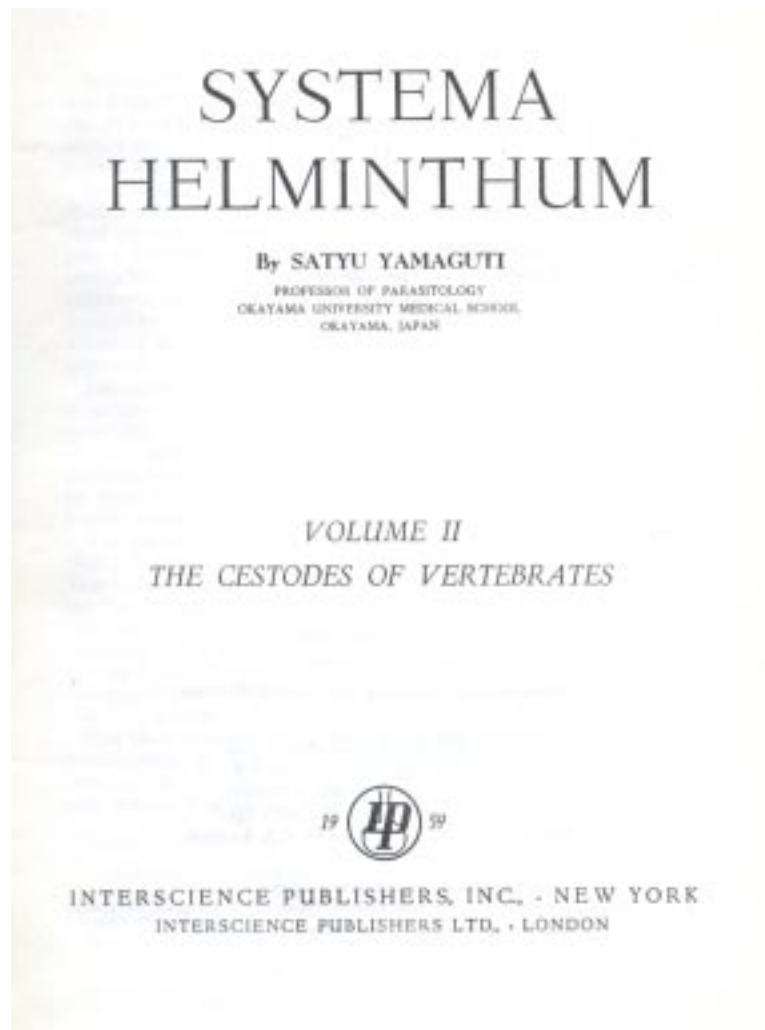
Vol III Nematodes Part 1 and 2 (1961);

Vol IV Mongenea and Aspidocotylea (1963);

Vol V Acanthocephala (1963).

Also available will be:

“A Synopsis of Digenetic Trematodes of Vertebrates” published in 1971 and “A Synoptical Review of Life Histories of Digenetic Trematodes of Vertebrates, with Special Reference to the Morphology of their Larval Forms” published in 1975.



## **Rocky Mountain Conference of Parasitologists 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

This spring we will be hosting the 35th Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Conference of Parasitologists (RMCP) in Casper on the campus of Casper College April 29th thru May 1st . The meeting is open to all interested in parasitology and is a wonderful opportunity for students of all stages to learn about research in this fascinating field. I will be sending out a registration packet and request for abstracts in the near future.

\*Graduate and undergraduate students involved in research of a parasitological nature are particularly encouraged to submit papers.



If you would like additional information, or are not a member of the RMCP but would like to receive a registration packet please contact me.

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**NINTH EUROPEAN MULTICOLLOQUIUM OF PARASITOLOGY (EMOP IX), the SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON MOLECULAR EPIDEMIOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY GENETICS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES (MEEGID VII), the CONGRESS OF THE SPANISH SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND INTERNATIONAL HEALTH (SEMTSI IV), the INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON BIOTERRORISM, MAJOR EPIDEMIC THREATS AND BIOSECURITY**

*A multicongress macro-event will be organised in Valencia, Spain, next July 18-23, 2004, which includes the NINTH EUROPEAN MULTICOLLOQUIUM OF PARASITOLOGY (EMOP IX), the SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON MOLECULAR EPIDEMIOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY GENETICS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES (MEEGID VII), the CONGRESS OF THE SPANISH SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND INTERNATIONAL HEALTH (SEMTSI IV), the INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON BIOTERRORISM, MAJOR EPIDEMIC THREATS AND BIOSECURITY, and more than 30 Symposia, Workshops (including more than one session and several including even 3-4 days as the Symposia on Malaria, Leishmaniasis and Chagas Disease) and many Monographic Sessions. More than 2000 people from all the continents are expected to attend the macro-event. All those congresses, meetings, symposia and workshops will interact and share common sessions. The central topic of the EMOP Meeting is Multidisciplinarity for Parasites, Vectors and Parasitic Diseases. All information, details, deadlines and forms can be found in INTERNET at the following web site:*

<http://www.uv.es/emop9> The most important deadlines for low registration fees and abstract submission are April 30, 2004.

*Registration fees have been kept to a minimum, including very low fees for students, in the way to encourage the participation of young researchers. Hotels in Valencia city (a total of 33, including from modest to high luxury levels) have accepted to offer special low prices for the macro-event. Up to 700 additional, very low-price rooms for students are offered in special student residences and colleges. The meeting includes moreover special social events and a complete programme for accompanying persons covering all meeting days. For direct requests, contact the congress secretariat in the following address:*

EMOP IX - Secretariat Departamento de Parasitología  
Facultad de Farmacia Universidad de Valencia Av. Vicent Andrés Estellés s/n  
46100 Burjassot - Valencia, Spain Fax: +(34)-96-354-47-69 Email: [emop.9@uv.es](mailto:emop.9@uv.es)

## **AMERICAN HEARTWORM SOCIETY ANNOUNCES 2004 SYMPOSIUM**

Batavia, IL. (March 8, 2004) – The American Heartworm Society today announced the Triennial American Heartworm Society “State of the Heartworm Symposium ’04” will be held July 23, 24, & 26, 2004 in conjunction with the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) in Philadelphia, Penn. The symposium has previously been a stand-alone event. However, in a move to encourage practicing veterinarians’ participation in the American Heartworm Society, the board of directors voted to host the event during the American Veterinary Medical Association convention.

“There is a misconception that we as veterinarians know all there is to know about heartworm disease. That is not the case. This year’s symposium is tailored towards the practicing veterinarian and includes cutting-edge information on the pathology of heartworm infections, epidemiology, zoonosis, therapy and chemoprophylaxis,” said Jorge Guerrero, Symposium Program Chair and Adjunct Professor of Parasitology at the University of Pennsylvania, School of Veterinary

## Medicine.

The symposium brings together the leading authorities for discussion on the latest research and findings on heartworm disease, treatment and prevention. Fourteen leading international authorities will present seminars on these significant topics essential to the understanding and management of heartworm disease. Continuing education credit is available for all veterinarians and veterinary technicians. Rather than produce a stand-alone proceeding and to expedite publication of the papers presented, the American Heartworm Society will have a special issue of "Veterinary Parasitology" devoted to the presentations.

This year, Fort Dodge Animal Health is taking a lead sponsor role with a special promotional campaign for the symposium that includes underwriting veterinary journal ads, promotion at national veterinary trade conferences and distribution of information about the symposium to veterinarians.

"We are pleased to partner with the American Heartworm Society to reach out to as many practicing veterinarians as possible. Every practicing veterinarian will benefit from the information presented," said Craig Wallace, Director of Companion Animal Business, Domestic Sales and Marketing, Fort Dodge Animal Health.

Other symposium program sponsors include Heska, Idexx, Pfizer, Merial, Novartis and Bayer.

Veterinarians may register for the symposium in one of three ways:

- 1) Log on to [www.heartwormsociety.org](http://www.heartwormsociety.org) download a registration form.
- 2) Call (630) 262-1997 and ask to have the information mailed.
- 3) Send an email to [heartwormsociety@earthlink.net](mailto:heartwormsociety@earthlink.net)

More information can also be downloaded from the American Heartworm Society website at: [www.heartwormsociety.org](http://www.heartwormsociety.org)

Founded during the Heartworm Symposium of 1974, the American Heartworm Society was formed to facilitate and encourage the generation and dissemination of information about heartworm disease and encourages adoption of standardized procedures for its diagnosis, treatment and prevention. The American Heartworm Society stimulates and financially supports research, which furthers knowledge and understanding of the disease. Its headquarters are located in Batavia, IL.

## News Funding News

As Congress begins debate on the President's FY 2005 budget, it looks as if this will be a difficult year for biomedical research funding. Specifically, the President's budget for NIH provides only a 2.6% increase, less than the amount needed to keep up with inflation in the field of biomedical research. The increase requested for the National Science Foundation is roughly equivalent. But that, unfortunately, is only the beginning of the bad news. Both the House and Senate Budget Committees are proposing budget resolutions that will restrict the Appropriations Committees to levels that are billions of dollars below the President's request. Once those Budget Resolutions are adopted, Appropriators will have few opportunities to be helpful in the choices they make within the overall spending totals.

The Senate expects to be considering the Budget Resolution for most of this week. Several amendments are expected to be offered that will increase the overall allocation of funds to the Appropriations Committee and therefore increase the latitude of appropriators to increase funds for NIH, NSF and other science programs. Please write to your Senators urging them to support an increased allocation. A sample letter to Senators is available on the FASEB web site – <http://capwiz.com/faseb/issues/?style=D&>.

A similar situation exists in the House of Representatives. Please write to your representative and urge them to vote in favor of amendments that will increase the discretionary allocation provided to the Appropriations Committees. We should also urge House Members of both parties to offer and support such amendments on the House Floor. The sample letter for Representatives can also be found on the FASEB web site.

Re-published from web site: <http://www.sleepfoundation.org/alert.cfm>

February 25, 2004

## **ASP BYLAWS**

### **THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER WILL HAVE THE COMPLETE AND REVISED BYLAWS FOR 2004.**

The American Society of Parasitologists was founded in 1924 and incorporated in Washington, D.C. In 1992 the Society was reincorporated in the State of Kansas.

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## **Associate Editors**

**Two new Associate Newsletter Editors  
to be named in 2004.**

**Thank you to:**

**George Condor  
Michael Kemp  
and  
George Cain**

**For help with the newsletter in the last  
few years!**

## **AFFILIATES**

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Northern California society of Parasitologists  
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Zoologists  
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Southern California Society of Parasitologists  
Southwestern Association of Parasitologists

## **Note to Members**

The ASP Newsletter welcomes news stories and articles. Please send your text electronically to Scott Gardner as an e-mail and attach as an MS Word 6.0 document. Drawings, photographs, charts, or tables can be sent as B/W TIF files at 300 dpi. Please send TIF files one at a time. A general rule is to limit photograph size to 3x5". You may attach both text and graphic files to your email message.

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