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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.

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Harold W. Manter Laboratory of Parasitology
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FROM THE EDITOR

The ASP meeting in Halifax was a resounding success with a final count of about 290 people in attendance. Of those about 150 were regular members with around 50 people registered as accompanying persons. Approximately 70 student members were in attendance. The total number of bona fide registered Parasitologists listed as members of the “American Society of Parasitologists” now sits at approximately 1,200.

As most of you know, complete address information of any member can be found by going to the home page of the ASP (http://asp.unl.edu) and clicking on the “members” tab. Then just follow the directions. We decided not to publish the full list at once because of privacy issues; so, you have to know for whom you are searching to get the data, including e-mail address.
Another anti-spam method that is being used is to place “NOSPAM” in front of all publicly visible e-mail addresses on our web site. This is to discourage agent based “e-mail harvesters” from simply adding the addresses visible to spam lists.

On pages 10 and 11 are a couple of photos that act as teasers to get you to visit the ASP site and look at the posted photos of the action at the ASP auction -go to the meetings page on the web to see more.

Pay attention to the developments from the AIBS call to action regarding NEON and other environmental issues. NEON may get funding this year, but congress needs to hear from YOU to get this going.

Finally, planning is underway for the next ASP meeting, Don Duszynski is working on that. Check the ASP web site for the latest information.

Please remember to send me (Scott Gardner) any additional information regarding jobs to post, meeting announcements, or other data that can be included in the ASP Newsletter.

Scott

TWO SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Two PhD and/or Masters scholarships are available at the Marine Animal Disease Laboratory (MADL), operating arm of the Marine Disease Pathology and Research Consortium (MDPRC), based at Stony Brook University, Long Island. MDPRC has involvement from Stony Brook University, Cornell University, NY, Department of Environmental Conservation, Long Island University, and the NY Sea Grant Institute.

Title of the project: Isolation of the pathogen from New York clams and genetic variability in the host-parasite system of QPX disease in *Mercenaria mercenaria*.

Description of the project: Hard clams, *Mercenaria mercenaria*, represent the most important marine resource in the state of New York. This species is infected by a protistan pathogen called quahog parasite unknown (or QPX). In the summer of 2002, QPX, emerged as a severe threat to the fishery causing significant clam mortalities in New York waters. While many aspects of the basic biology and epizootiology of QPX disease are still unknown, the observations made to date suggest that genetic variability in the host and/or in the QPX pathogen could be responsible for differences in susceptibility toward the infection and in the presentation of the disease. Our actual project, funded by the New York Sea Grant Institute, aims to use the recent New York QPX outbreak as a starting point to address this possibility in the hopes of providing new insights to support management decisions for this fishery.

We have financial support for two Sea Grant Scholars (PhD or Master) based at Stony Brook University, to work on:

1- Isolation, culture and study of the genetic variability of QPX
   Requirement: basic knowledge in microbiology and molecular biology tools
   Training guaranteed by our team for specific tasks

   or

2- Experimental transmission of QPX to naïve clams:
   Requirement: basic knowledge in biology of marine invertebrates
   This task involves rearing live animals in the laboratory and some field trips
   Training guaranteed by our team for specific tasks (histological diagnosis of QPX, etc.)

The project starts in February 2004, but applications (CV + copy of records) can be sent now and until suitable candidates are found. In accordance with the university and Sea Grant guidelines, the salary starts at $18,500.

For more information (and for application submission), please contact:

Dr. Bassem Allam
Marine Sciences Research Center
Stony Brook University
ANNOUNCEMENT FOR CDC PRIMATE MALARIAS CD-ROM

The Division of Parasitic Diseases (DPD) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, GA has prepared a CD-ROM version of The Primate Malarias originally published in 1971. This now out-of-print book, authored by G. Robert Coatney, William E. Collins, McWilson Warren, and Peter G. Contacos, summarized the knowledge on the different species of Plasmodium that develop in nonhuman primates up to that time. It has served as a foundation for subsequent investigations on these parasites, their primate hosts, and their mosquito vectors. CDC has made this electronic version available to the scientific community in hopes that it will stimulate and support continued interest in these parasites and their contribution to the understanding and control of malaria.

You can order The Primate Malarias free of charge through DPD’s DPDx Web site (http://www.dpd.cdc.gov/dpdx/HTML/Training.htm). Orders may be placed by email or via surface mail to the address provided on the website. If you have fast internet access, such as a T3, T1, DSL, cable or ISDN connection, you may want to download The Primate Malarias content. Follow the above link to our download page for further details.

DPDx Team
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention MS F-36
4770 Buford Hwy NE
Atlanta GA 30341-3724

I would also like to use the address as above rather than specify any one individual so that requests can be filled as quickly as possible. I appreciate your consideration.

Thank you,

Jim Sullivan
Division of Parasitic Diseases
CDC
Atlanta GA 30341
Ph: 770-488-4473

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS CUTS FUNDING FOR BIO RESEARCH; DECLINES FUNDING FOR NEON

ACTION ALERT: YOUR SUPPORT COULD MEAN AN ADDITIONAL $37 MILLION (250 GRANTS AND TWO NEON PROTOTYPES) FOR THE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES!

Immediately following the August congressional recess, the Senate Appropriations Committee got off to a quick start on trying to finish the remaining appropriations bills. Among the bills on the committee’s agenda was the VA-HUD and Independent Agencies bill which funds the National Science Foundation. The committee provided NSF with a total of $5.58 billion, a $275.8 million (5.2%) increase over last year’s appropriation, but slightly less than the $5.68 billion provided by the House committee in July. The number falls far short of the amount ($6.39 billion) required to continue the 5-year doubling path authorized by Congress last year. However, the committee notes in accompanying report language that “the Committee continues to be supportive of the pursuit of a doubling path for NSF funding. However, due to funding constraints, the Committee is not able to provide such funding at this time, but will continue to pursue these efforts in the future.”
Included in the total increase for NSF is a 4.0% increase for Research and Related Accounts to a total of $4.22 billion for FY 04. This amount is also slightly smaller than the amount provided by the House appropriators. Even though the Senate provided an increase to the BIO directorate this year, core programs in the directorate stand to be cut by approximately $8.5 million. This is due to the committee recommending $15 million more for plant genome than requested, but only providing an additional $6.5 to the directorate. The House provided only the requested $75 million for plant genome research, as well as an additional $16 million to the directorate; thus, the House bill provides $24 million more for core BIO programs than the Senate bill. Unlike last year, BIO was not the only directorate to not receive an increase. The Senate level-funded the Geosciences Directorate (GEO), which houses ocean sciences, at last year’s level. However, that amount is slightly more than $4 million higher than requested by the administration.

The Senate also failed to provide funding for NEON. Citing budgetary constraints, the committee declined to fund any MRE projects that are not yet underway, such as NEON. The committee also expressed a desire to hear the results of the NAS study on NSF’s prioritization procedure for large infrastructure projects.

As is customary in Congress, both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees traditionally “mark up” their own version of spending bills. Once both houses pass those bills, the houses will “conference” a bill, working out differences in funding allocations between the two versions.

As noted above, there is a significant difference in funding for biological sciences research at NSF between the House and Senate marks. The House version of the bill would provide $9.6 million more to the Biological Sciences Directorate than the Senate. Because the Senate designates an additional $15 million to plant genome, the discrepancy in funding for core BIO programs is approximately $25 million. The House also provides $12 million in the Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction (MRE) account for the National Ecological Observatory Network. NEON has been requested in three budget cycles; this is the first time it has received funding in any congressional mark. (For more information about NEON, visit www.aibs.org/ibrcs).

WHAT TO WRITE:
Biologists interested in making their voice heard should FAX a letter to their members of Congress. In all letters, be sure to thank them for their support of the National Science Foundation. Below is a suggested outline for your letter:

1. Thank them for their support of NSF in the past. Mention last year’s passage of the NSF Reauthorization Act, which authorized a five-year doubling path for the agency. (You may want to acknowledge that while current budget situations have put this year’s goal out of reach, you hope they will continue their strong support for scientific research at NSF.)
2. Mention the benefits of NSF funding to your state/district. You can get statistics on actual award amounts for your university and state from http://dellweb.bfa.nsf.gov/.
3. Encourage the conferees to accept the House numbers for the BIO Directorate and NEON. The median annual award for BIO is $94,000; hence the House would provide for approximately 250 additional grants.
4. Offer to provide them with additional information as they find necessary. A nice touch is to extend them (and/or their staff) an invitation to visit your lab/department at their convenience.

WHO TO CONTACT:
ALL biologists are encouraged to contact their members of Congress to express support for biological science funding. Unless you bring the issue to their attention, they are unlikely to support increases. Educating members of Congress on the value of biological science research is essential to future growth.

If you live in any of the following states, calls or letters to the Senators below (members of the Appropriations subcommittee handling NSF) are especially valuable. Biologists in the states of Missouri and Maryland are particularly encouraged to contact Sen. Kit Bond (R-MO) and Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), chair and ranking member, respectively, of the Senate subcommittee with jurisdiction over NSF funding.

Sen. Conrad Burns (R MT)
Sen. Richard C. Shelby (R AL)
Sen. Larry E. Craig (R ID)
Sen. Pete V. Domenici (R NM)
Sen. Mike DeWine (R OH)
Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R TX)
Sen. Patrick Leahy (D VT)
Sen. Tom Harkin (D IA)
Sen. Robert C. Byrd (D WV)
Sen. Tim Johnson (D SD)
Sen. Harry M. Reid (D NV)

Biologists living in the following districts are also strongly encouraged to contact their representatives, who sit on the House Appropriations subcommittee. Biologists from the 25th district of New York and the 1st district of West Virginia are particularly encouraged to contact Rep. James T. Walsh (R NY-25) and Rep. Alan B. Mollohan (D WV-1), chair and ranking member, respectively, of the House subcommittee with jurisdiction over NSF funding.

Rep. David L. Hobson (R OH-7)
Rep. Joe Knollenberg (R MI-9)
Rep. Anne Meagher Northup (R KY-3)
Rep. Virgil H. Goode Jr. (R VA-5)
Rep. Robert B. Aderholt (R AL-4)
Rep. Ray LaHood (R IL-18)
Rep. Dave Weldon (R FL-15)
Rep. Mike Simpson (R ID-2)
Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D OH-9)
Rep. David E. Price (D NC-4)
Rep. Robert E. Bud Cramer Jr. (D AL-5)
Rep. Chaka Fattah (D PA-2)
Rep. Sanford D. Bishop Jr. (D GA-2)

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS: Do not hesitate to contact Adrienne Froelich (afroelich@aibs.org) or Robert Gropp (rgropp@aibs.org) if you would like assistance drafting a letter or finding contact information for your representative and senators.

Senate approves Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill

On Wednesday night, September 10, 2003 the Senate approved the Fiscal Year 2004 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill (HR 2660) by a vote of 94-0.

The bill includes $137.6 billion for discretionary programs, $445 million below the House allocation and $389 million below the President's budget request. The House passed its $470 billion version of the bill July 10, 2003 by a vote of 215-210. The full Senate adopted several amendments to the bill approved earlier this summer by the Senate Appropriations Committee. Recall that the Senate Appropriations Committee recommended funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) at $27.983 (see previous memo we sent dated June 25, 2003).

Senator Specter’s (R-PA) NIH amendment was rejected by a vote of 52-43, eight votes short of the sixty needed. As introduced, the amendment would have funded $1.5 billion to NIH under an emergency designation (i.e. exempt from budget caps). Budget Committee Chairman Nickles (R-OK) and Ranking Member Conrad (D-ND) spoke against the amendment on the floor. Appropriations Chairman Stevens (R-AK) spoke in favor of the Specter amendment.

The Senate also adopted an amendment by Senator Corzine (D-NJ) by a vote of 50-45 to restore financial aid cut backs that were a result of the recent change by the Department of Education over how it calculates student aid eligibility. The amendment will be paid for by delaying $200 million obligated to NIH. It is up to the NIH to determine which funds will be delayed. The House measure does not contain such a provision.

Senator Chambliss (R-GA) offered an amendment that was agreed to by voice vote, to re-allocate funds within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Disease Control, Research, and Training Account. Specifically, the amendment adds $10 million to the Facilities and Construction Account within the Disease, Control, Research, and Training Account to bring it to a total of $260 million, and takes the $10 million away from other parts of the same account.

Senator Roberts (R-KS) offered an amendment that was agreed to by voice vote to provide $1 million in funding for the rural emergency medical service training and equipment assistance program.

Senator Alexander (R-TN) offered an amendment that was agreed to by voice vote to provide $2.355 million in
funding for the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. The Senate adopted 54-45 an amendment offered by Senator Harkin (D-IA) that would prohibit Department of Labor funding from being used to implement any rule that would take away the right to overtime pay for any worker. This provision is not included in the House bill, the amendment failed on the House floor by three votes.

The bill now proceeds to a House-Senate conference. We hear that staff from the Appropriations Committees will immediately begin discussions on the bill. So, it is imperative that you call your Senators and Representatives and encourage their support for your issues/projects. We will be sending out talking points to you shortly to assist with this process. All of the members of the Labor-HHS subcommittee, in addition to Senator Domenici (R-NM), will comprise the Senate conferees.

**Camallanidae (Nematoda) Molecular Phylogeny Specimens Wanted**

In our examinations of the worms of this family, we (Dr F. Moravec and M. Rigby) found that the existing generic divisions are unclear and may not be accurate. Therefore, we have started to collect specimens to perform a molecular phylogeny. At present, we have some specimens from Malaysia, Africa, China, Japan, the US, and Europe. However, we would like to make as robust a phylogeny as possible, incorporating as many species as possible. If you have, or can collect, specimens that you would like to contribute to this effort, please contact either Dr. Moravec (moravec@paru.cas.cz) or Dr. Rigby (mark.rigby@tetratech.com).

About the Camallanidae: the worms of this family are one of the more recognizable groups of nematode parasites of fish. They have a red body and darkened hard mouth parts. They are found throughout the world (but are most diverse in tropical marine areas) in fishes, frogs, and turtles. One species (*Camallanus cotti*) has even become cosmopolitan, as it is transported around the world by the aquarium fish trade.

**Eleventh Ichthyoparasitology Newsletter: Call for submissions**

A thematic issue of Advances in Parasitology will be published in October 2003. Entitled “The evolution of parasitism, a phylogenetic approach” the volume is comprised of a diversity of chapters written by parasitologists who use phylogenetics in their research. Titles likely to be of interest to ichthyoparasitologists include the following:

Nematoda: genes, genomes and the evolution of parasitism - Mark Blaxter, Life cycle evolution in the Digenea: a new perspective from phylogeny - Tom Cribb and colleagues, Phylogenies, the comparative method and parasite evolutionary ecology - Serge Morand and Robert Poulin, Recent results in cophylogeny mapping - Mike Charleston.


Hope you are all well.
Best wishes,
Tim

**On Friday, Sep 12, 2003, at 00:25 Europe/London, Leslie Chisholm wrote:**

Dear Colleagues:

If you would like to contribute to the Eleventh Edition of the Ichthyoparasitology Newsletter please note that the deadline is October 31, 2003. I would appreciate if you could send me your research news, meeting reports, book reviews or other announcements to be included in the Newsletter by this date.

As usual, general overviews of the research being done by your groups accompanied by photographs (small jpg files if possible) are most welcome. Due to the increasing number of contributions, please try to limit the text to a single A4 page or shorter. Also note that this is not a forum for publication/reference lists.

Please see earlier versions of the Newsletter for format: http://www.diplectanum.dsl.pipex.com/newsletter/

I look forward to hearing from you soon with your news and photos.

Best wishes,
Leslie Chisholm
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PARASITOLOGY AWARDS
[complements of Don Duszynski Univ. of New Mexico]

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**BUEDING-VON BRAND AWARD** (Est. 1988; see J.P., 1988, 76(4):928-929)

1 1989 Howard J. Saz | 64th, Vancouver BC Canada
2 1990 Moises Agosin | 65th, East Lansing MI
3 1991 Donald Fairbairn | 66th, Madison WI
4 1992 Richard Komuniecki | 67th, Philadelphia
5 1993 No award given
6 1994 James L. Bennett | 69th, Ft. Collins CO
7 1995 Carmen Fioravanti | 70th, Pittsburgh PA
8 1996 Ben G. Harris | 71st, Tucson AZ
9 1997 Chris Shaw | 72nd, Nashville TN
2002-2001 No award given
10 2003 John Barrett | 77th, Vancouver BC Canada

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD** (Est. 1993; see J.P., 1994, 80(2):201-202)

1 1994 Mary L.H. Pritchard | 69th, Ft. Collins CO
2 1995 Leo Margolis | 70th, Pittsburgh PA
3 1996 Donald W. Duszynski | 71st, Tucson AZ
4 1998 Sherwin Desser | 73rd, Kona HI
5 2001 Robert L. Rausch | 76th, Albuquerque NM
6 2002 J. Richard Seed | 77th, Vancouver BC Canada

**C.P. READ NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD** (Est. 1993; see J.P., 1994, 80(2):201)

1 1995 Mark E. Siddall | 70th, Pittsburgh PA
2 1996 Brenda Beerntsen | 71st, Tucson AZ
3 1997 Scott Snyder | 72nd, Nashville TN
4 1999 Ramon A. Carreno | 74th, Monterey CA
5 2000 Todd G. Smith | 75th, San Juan PR

**ASHTON CUCKLER NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD** (Name change 2001; see J.P., 2001, 87(6):1243)

1(6) 2001 Peter Olson | 76th, Albuquerque NM
2(7) 2002 Jeffrey Bethony | 77th, Vancouver BC Canada
3(8) 2003 Jason Curtis | 78th, Halifax NS Canada

**MENTOR AWARD** (Est. 1996; see J.P., 1996, 82(6):872)

1 1997 Roy C. Anderson | 72nd, Nashville TN
2 1998 Austin J. MacInnis | 73rd, Kona HI
3 1999 Gerald W. Esch | 74th, Monterey CA
C.P. READ MENTOR AWARD (Name change 2001; see J.P., 2001, 87(6):1243)

1(4) 2001 Brent B. Nickol 76th, Albuquerque NM
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Thank you for your patience!* The September 2003 edition is now available!

You can find it online at: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/gis/cdcgis53.pdf

Hurricane Isabel shut NCHS down for several days. I especially extend a warm welcome to the many new Public Health GIS Users who subscribed over the past two months. We mail today to more than *6,000* online subscribers! This edition also will be available at our website sometime next week.

Some highlights from this edition include:

**GIS lecture on biosurveillance of syndromic data (viewed by many of you)**
**Special report on the First 5 California GIS**
**Special report on GIS and childhood lead exposure in North Carolina**
**Proposal for a cost-effective NSDI road network**
**The National Library of Medicine’s pilot TOXMAP project**
**NASA and CIESIN’s “Confidentiality and Geospatial Data Workshop”**

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**2003 ASP Meeting in Halifax was a success!** - A few photos here. See more
Future American Society of Parasitologists Annual Meetings
2005, 8 – 12, July: Mobile, Alabama - ASP alone.
2006, 6 – 11, August: Glasgow Scotland. Joint meeting with ICOPA - XI
2007, ?? - ??, ????: Merida University, Mexico. Joint meeting with ???? - Planning Stages

ASP meeting in 2005
Plan ahead for the ASP meeting in 2005! The venue has been chosen for our 80th meeting (see: http://www.adamsmark.com/mobile/index.asp)

79th ANNUAL MEETING AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PARASITOLOGISTS & 49th ANNUAL MEETING, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARY PARASITOLOGISTS
24-28 July, 2004, Philadelphia PA
TENTATIVE WORK SCHEDULE:

5 December ‘03 (F) Scientific Program Officers (SPOs) sends camera-ready copy of Call For Papers booklet, announcing the Joint ASP/AAVP meeting, to Allen Press.

2 January ‘04 (F) Allen Press mails Call For Papers booklet announcing ASP/AAVP joint meeting to the membership of both societies.

19 March (F) DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSTRACTS by SPOs. Hotel Reservation form and Meeting Registration form both will have a deadline for registration 1-2 months before start of meeting (~ 1 June). Note that ALL hotels in PA will fill up for the AVMA meeting and ASP/AAVP members must register early, especially for room at the DoubleTree.

30 April (F) Completed Program and Abstracts booklet (both hard copy and electronic version)
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to Allen Press by SPO.

14 May (F)  Allen Press sends blueline proofs of Program and Abstracts to SPO.

17 May (M)  SPO returns proofs to Allen Press.

4 June (F)  Allen Press mails Program and Abstracts booklet to joint ASP/AAVP membership.

24 July (Sat)  ASP Council and AAVP Councils meet (8:00 a.m.-noon); Registration Desk opens for ASP/AAVP Joint Meeting (1:00-5:00 p.m.); 2-3 paper sessions &/or a symposia/workshop (1:00-5:00 p.m.); Welcome Reception (7:00 p.m.-???).

25 July (Sun)  Opening Plenary Session: Joint ASP/AAVP President’s Symposium (8:30 a.m.)

28 July (W)  End of 2004 ASP/AAVP Meeting (3:00-5:00 p.m.?)

2004 Annual Meeting of the Society of Protozoologists
The 56th Annual Meeting of the Society of Protozoologists will be held at Bryant College, Smithfield, Rhode Island, June 2-6, 2004. Details for the meeting, including registration, travel, and housing will be posted on the SOP website (http://www.uga.edu/~protozoa/) and distributed by e-mail over the coming months. We do NOT plan to mail hardcopy material by postal service, so check the Society website for updates.

Our goal is to develop an outstanding program of symposia, special lectures, presentations, and activities, while keeping meeting costs affordable. Low-cost housing will be available on the Bryant Campus and reasonably-priced motels are situated nearby. The campus is about 20 minutes north of Providence, RI and about one hour south of Boston, MA. Providence airport is served by many airlines, including Southwest, and is a short (~30 min) drive from the Bryant Campus. We anticipate the meeting will give broad coverage of protists (phototrophs and heterotrophs alike) and plan to feature special platform sessions to address selected topics in protistology. If you have ideas for topics or wish to organize one of these sessions, please contact the program chair, Wayne Coats. If you would like to help with meeting arrangements, please contact the local organizer, Gaytha Langlois.

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20th Congress of the Polish Parasitological Society
Warsaw, Poland
September 2-4, 2004

Dear Colleagues,
I have a pleasure to invite you to the 20th Congress of the Polish Parasitological Society which to be held on 2-4 September 2004 in Warsaw.
During the Congress the following topics will be discussed:
1. Advances in biochemistry and molecular biology of human and animal parasites
2. Morphology and ultrastructure of parasites
3. Immunology and immunoprevention of parasitic infections
4. Systematics, phylogeny, and ecology of parasites
5. Biology of development and reproduction of parasites
6. Congenital and acquired toxoplasmosis
7. Food, water, and soil as sources of parasitic infections
8. Pathogenic fungi and human and animal fungal diseases
9. Tapeworms and human/animal tapeworm diseases
10. Arthropods as parasites, hosts, and vectors of pathogens
11. Parasites and parasitic diseases as a risk for travelers
12. New trends in diagnostics and treatment of parasitic diseases

Please accept our invitation addressed personally to you and your colleagues and transmit it kindly to the members of your Society.

With kind regards,
Dr. Anna Rocka
Secretary of the Polish Parasitological Society

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First ASIAN Congress of Parasitology and Tropical Medicine &
40th Annual Scientific Seminar of MSPTM
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
March 23-25, 2004

Final Announcement [PDF]: http://asp.unl.edu/pdf/MSPTM_Final_Announcement.pdf
Registration Form [PDF]: http://asp.unl.edu/pdf/registrationform.pdf

The Congress is organized in conjunction with the 40th Anniversary of the Malaysian Society of Parasitology and Tropical Medicine. The theme for the congress is: “Tropical Diseases and Vectors: Management and Control.”

Major research developments have taken place in Tropical Medicine and Parasitology in recent years and we hope the Congress will provide an opportunity for the exchange of scientific ideas and provide a forum to discuss important advances in these fields. With the advent of new and emerging diseases in this part of the world, this congress will provide a platform for dissemination of current research information on these topics.

The Congress will be attended by eminent scientists from different regions of the world. The scientific committee has selected current topics to meet the interest of all participants and to make it affordable to one and all, the registration fees are very minimal.

Several social programmes have been planned to entertain delegates and accompanying persons. Malaysia has many places of interest and is a nature’s paradise. It is a cultural melting pot of many races. There are excellent sporting, shopping, and recreational facilities. One can experience a myriad of culinary delights and witness a variety of cultural activities. We hope you will accept our invitation to participate in the Congress and join us in Kuala Lumpur to make this a memorable congress.

Call for Papers
Deadline for Abstract: 31 December 2003
The scientific programme committee welcomes the submission of abstracts for oral or poster presentation. The title of the abstract and information on authors should be presented as in the example below. Do not include street address, postal code, degrees, or grant support. The text for the abstract is limited to a maximum of 300 words and must be written in English. Include the purpose of study, the results obtained, and conclusions reached. Use font Times New Roman size 11. Abstracts to be emailed to Stephen Ambu: s-ambu@imr.gov.my

Meeting of the Southeastern Society of Parasitologists
April 14-17, 2004
ANNUAL MEETING Southeastern Society of Parasitologists - .pdf
[http://asp.unl.edu/pdf/2004_SSP_Annual_Meeting.pdf]

September 5, 2003
Dear SSP Members:
The next meeting of the Southeastern Society of Parasitologists is scheduled for April 14-17, 2004. We will gather with the Association of Southeastern Biologists in Memphis, Tennessee at the Fogelman Executive Center. Our host committee is made up of individuals from the University of Memphis, Rhodes College, and Christian Brothers University. This eclectic committee has several worthwhile events planned that you will not want to miss. The SSP meeting will begin on Wednesday, April 14 with the President’s Symposium. Three excellent invited speakers have promised to keep us entertained and intellectually stimulated. Later that evening, we will mingle with the ASB membership at an informal social. On Thursday and Friday, 15-16 April, we will convene the Parasitology paper sessions featuring research presentations by students and other SSP members. The ASB has another social planned for Thursday evening.
The official ASB meeting website can be found at: http://www.people.memphis.edu/~biology/asp/index.html You can get more information there. Bookmark this address and check back frequently for updates. Information concerning accommodations, meeting registration forms, and maps will be available at this site in approximately one month.
The deadline for all abstracts is Friday, 14 November 2003! Abstracts will need to be submitted online at the ASB website. Information will be available in mid-September regarding the abstract preparation guidelines and other required forms and instructions.
Be sure to check the site frequently for updates!
I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Memphis. Please contact me if you have questions or need additional assistance.
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POSITIONS

Cellular/Molecular Immunology Tenure-track Position
Tenure-track position in Cellular/Molecular Immunology is available at The University of Montana. Details can be found at: http://www.sciencejobs.com/site/ns/viewjob.jsp?id=sci7440

Faculty Position: Georgia Southern
Date: Wed, 24 Sep 2003 16:47:12 -0700

The Department of Biology, Georgia Southern University invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor level Microbiologist. We seek applicants committed to teaching and scholarship, who have broad training in
microbiology, can collaborate with our faculty, secure external funding, and contribute to the department's broad research emphasis on coastal biology. Georgia Southern seeks to recruit individuals committed to working in diverse academic and professional communities. Screening begins November 3, 2003. Information about the department and faculty, along with the full text of the job announcement, teaching responsibilities, selection criteria, and application procedure, is available at: http://www.bio.gasou.edu/Position.html.

For more information about the University, see http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/. Georgia is an open records state; Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity Institution. Individuals who need reasonable accommodations under the ADA in order to participate in the search process should contact the search chair.

Postdoctoral Position in Comparative/Molecular Immunology
One postdoctoral position is available immediately for an NIH-funded project associated with a COBRE program in evolutionary and theoretical immunology. This position is renewable annually for up to three years, contingent on satisfactory performance. Research will focus on the application of RNA interference (RNAi) to explore the function(s) of fibrinogen-related proteins (FREPs) found in the freshwater snail /Biomphalaria glabrata/, an intermediate host of human parasite /Schistosoma mansoni/. The candidate must have Ph.D. degree. Background in molecular biology is required. Experience with RNAi or protein expression is preferred. Interested applicants should send a letter of application, CV, and names of 2-3 references to:

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Albuquerque, NM 87131  USA
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ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
Biochemical Toxicologist
The Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Texas at El Paso is seeking an ASSISTANT PROFESSOR in the area of biochemical toxicology for a tenure-track position starting June 1, 2004. Candidates whose research focuses on the mechanisms of metal toxicity at the cellular, biochemical, or molecular level are particularly invited, although all mechanistic toxicology areas will be considered. The Department will occupy a new state-of-the-art facility in the Fall of 2005, which includes mammalian and aquatic animal facilities, and core facilities in tissue culture, molecular biology, protein chemistry, microscopy, and DNA sequencing. Applicants must have a Ph.D. and postdoctoral research experience. The successful candidate will develop and maintain a strong independent and extramurally funded research program and contribute to both undergraduate and graduate student education/training. Applications should be sent to:

Judi Ellzey
Toxicology Search Committee Chair
Department of Biological Sciences
The University of Texas at El Paso
500 W. University Avenue
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and should include curriculum vitae, a statement of research interests, copies of two recent publications, and a brief description of teaching and professional experience. Applicants should submit the names, addresses, and phone numbers of three references. Applications will be reviewed beginning November 15, 2003.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
Microbiology
The University of Texas at El Paso is seeking a MICROBIOLOGIST with research interests in INFECTIOUS
**DISEASES** for a **tenure-track** faculty appointment in the Department of Biological Sciences. Candidates should have at least two years postdoctoral research experience, demonstrate the potential to develop and maintain an independent research program in infectious diseases, and have a strong commitment to both research and teaching. The position includes full access to all research core facilities, a competitive start up package, and the opportunity to expand laboratory space with the completion of the new Biosciences Laboratory, currently under construction. Preference will be given to candidates whose research interests complement the mission statement of UTEP and the BBRC (**www.utep.edu/biology/general/info.htm**). Applications will be reviewed beginning November 15 and continue until the position is filled. Candidates should submit a curriculum vitae including relevant research and teaching experience, a brief statement of research and teaching interests, and contact information for three references to:

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The University of Texas at El Paso is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and strongly encourages applications from female and minority candidates.

**Tick Biologist/Microbiologist**

The Institute of Arthropodology and Parasitology (IAP), Georgia Southern University invites applications for a faculty nontenure track Research Scientist position. Candidate must have Ph.D. or equivalent degree in a biological science, tick research experience, computer applications experience, extensive knowledge of taxa of medically important arthropods or tick transmitted microorganisms, and general knowledge of entomology, acarology, parasitology, and microbiology. Experience in molecular biology or ecology is highly desirable. Duties include conducting and publishing original research on ticks/microorganisms and obtaining external grant support. Salary competitive depending upon qualifications. Send letter of application, names of five references, and curriculum vitae to:

J. H. Oliver, Jr  
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Georgia Southern University  
P.O. Box 8056  
Statesboro, GA 30460-8056

Applications must be received by September 30 for screening in the initial applicant pool, but we will continue to accept applications until the position is filled. Screening of applications begins October 1, 2003. The position begins January 1, 2004, or ASAP.

See [http://www.bio.gasou.edu/IAP](http://www.bio.gasou.edu/IAP) for additional information.

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**COLLECTION MANAGER**

The Harold W. Manter Laboratory of Parasitology  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Nebraska Parasitology

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln seeks outstanding applicants for the position of Manager of the Parasite Collections in the Harold W. Manter Laboratory of Parasitology. Duties will include managing an internationally important parasite research collection in the HW Manter Laboratory
of Parasitology under supervision of the Curator of Parasitology. Responsibilities include professional level specimen preparation, loan processing and tracking, database management, parasite identification, organization of collections and library, maintenance of lab facilities and equipment, and field-work. Attendance and presentation at international, national, and regional meetings is encouraged with funding usually available.

Minimum qualifications: M.S. degree in zoology/parasitology or related field with experience in parasite systematics and taxonomy. Desired skills include excellent writing ability, microscopy, digital photomicroscopy, electron microscopy, field-work, specimen preparation.

Visit our web site at: http://hwml.unl.edu. Excellent benefits including staff/dependent tuition remission. Review began September 18. Position will remain open until suitable candidate is found. To apply, submit cover letter and curriculum vitae via e-mail or regular mail to: Scott L. Gardner, W-529 Nebraska Hall, UNL, Lincoln, NE 68588-0514; slg@unl.edu.

UNL is committed to EEO/AA and ADA/504. If you require an accommodation, please call (402) 472-6699.

Postdoctoral Fellow
Clemson University Nematology Laboratory
Postdoctoral Fellow to work at Clemson University nematology laboratory on molecular discrimination of *Meloidogyne* spp. using real time PCR analysis. Multiple populations of the major species available. PCR experience required. Term of employment up to 3 years. Health insurance and retirement contributions included in the position.

Please contact Dr. Stephen A. Lewis at Clemson University, Tel. 864-656-5741, E-mail: slewis@clemson.edu

SEARCH REOPENED - PARASITOLOGIST
University of Puerto Rico
The Department of Microbiology and Medical Zoology, School of Medicine, Medical Sciences Campus, University of Puerto Rico, invites applications from recent graduates/post doctoral fellows, and from microbiologists who are using parasites as research model systems, for a junior, tenure-tract position at the rank of Assistant Professor in Medical and/or Molecular Parasitology. The appointee will participate in teaching of graduate, professional (Medical and Dental), and undergraduate students in the Health Sciences, and establish an externally-funded research program. Applicants must have a Ph.D., or an equivalent degree, postdoctoral training, and a demonstrated research interest in Medical and/or Molecular Parasitology; publications in peer-review journals are definite assets. Position is available immediately and applications will be received until this position will be filled. Research-related supporting programs and facilities of the Medical Sciences Campus include: RISE/SCORE (http://mbrs.rcm.upr.edu); RCMI (http://rcmi.rcm.upr.edu) and its Core Resources: RCMI Clinical Research Center, Flow Cytometry, Electron Microscopy, and Image Analysis; and the Caribbean Primate Research Center. Institutional incentives, including salary supplementation, are available for investigators receiving external funding. Candidates should send a curriculum vitae, a statement of research interests, copies of reprints and grant awards, and arrange three letters of recommendation to be sent to: Chair, Search Committee, Microbiology, MSC-UPR, PO Box 365067, San Juan, PR 00936-5067. (Tel. (787)-758-1310, Fax: (787)-758-4808.

The University of Puerto Rico is an Equal Opportunity and an Affirmative Action Employer. Women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply.
University of Nebraska - Lincoln

The School of Biological Sciences invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position at the Assistant Professor level with expertise in using molecular techniques to investigate evolutionary and/or ecological questions with an emphasis in organismal biology. Candidates will be expected to develop a rigorous research program and assume teaching responsibilities in undergraduate courses in the areas of biological diversity and/or ecology and evolution, and at the graduate level in their area of expertise. A Ph.D. in the life sciences is required and post-doctoral experience is preferred. To apply send a curriculum vita and copies of representative publications along with statement of research interests and teaching interests and philosophy. Also arrange for three letters of reference to be sent by January 1 to Jack Morris, School of Biological Sciences, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 348 Manter Hall, Lincoln, NE 68588-0118. The position will remain open until a suitable candidate is selected.

UNL is committed to a pluralistic campus community through Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity, and is responsive to the needs of dual career couples. We assure responsible accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act. For further information contact Jack Morris at 402-472-6676 for assistance.

Editors Note: The position announcement is meant to attract the widest possible range of applicants with expertise in ecology and evolutionary biology. Parasitology has a long tradition at the University of Nebraska and it is hoped that the final pool of applicants includes several parasitologists.
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