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OLIVER P. PEARSON AWARD

This award honors Oliver P. Pearson's remarkable 6 decades of work in Latin America and his steadfast support for Latin American mammalogists of all ages and degrees of professional development. The award offers financial support to young professional mammalogists who hold academic or curatorial positions in Latin America, to help them establish or consolidate their research programs. A single award in the sum of $5,000 will be given each year. Up to an additional $2,000 is offered for the recipient to attend the mammal meetings of the year following the award. The funds may be used to carry out fieldwork, purchase supplies or specialized equipment, attend scientific meetings, visit collections or other academic institutions, and other research-related activities.

Applicants may be of any nationality. At the time of application, he or she must have the following qualifications: 1) a Ph.D. or equivalent terminal degree conferred within the previous 5 years; 2) an academic (post-doctoral, teaching, curatorial, or other comparable research-oriented) position in a Latin American institution; and 3) membership in the American Society of Mammalogists.

Acceptable formats for application materials include pdf (preferred) and Word (doc and rtf files). Letters scanned in jpeg format are also acceptable. Applications should include the following 4 elements: 1) A 1-page statement that describes a) the nature and responsibilities of his or her academic position, b) professional interests and goals for the next few years, and c) detailed justification documenting how and why the award would benefit the applicant's research program; 2) a curriculum vitae; 3) a copy of 1 published or accepted research paper; 4) 2 letters of recommendation from established professionals familiar with the applicant, based either in Latin America or abroad.

To be considered, all application materials must be sent electronically to Dr. Joseph A. Cook (cookjose@unm.edu) by APRIL 15. Recipients will be announced at the annual banquet of the American Society of Mammalogists, but awardees need not be present to receive the award.

ONLINE ACCESS FOR JOURNAL OF MAMMALOGY AND MAMMALIAN SPECIES

Journal of Mammalogy and *Mammalian Species* are available online to all ASM members with back issues available via JSTOR. Members will also receive print copies of the Journal for an annual membership fee of $75 for regular members ($55 for students), or they may elect to receive online only versions of both publications for an annual fee of $55 ($20 for members in developing countries). Institutions may subscribe at a rate of $270 for print and online access to the Journal, $95 for online-only access to *Mammalian Species*, or $325 for both publications.

PDF files for the first 803 *Mammalian Species* accounts (1969 to 2006) are also available online via the URL below: http://www.science.smith.edu/departments/Biology/VHAYSSEN/msi/default.html.

MAMMALIAN SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Approximately 24 accounts are planned for publication in 2010. Each account is 2–14 pages in length and reviews the biology of a particular species in a standard format.

Mammalian Species accounts are produced by assignment only. Upon written request to the Editor for *Mammalian Species*, exclusive privileges to produce an account will be granted for 3 years; a 1-year extension may be requested if a manuscript is near completion at the end of the initial assignment. At the Editor's discretion, assignments not submitted at the end of this period may be cancelled. A maximum of 5 species may be reserved at 1 time. No free copies are given to authors; page charges may be paid on a voluntary basis.

Mammalian Species is available online only to all ASM members, as of 2006; print copies will no longer be published. Orders for yearly sets of accounts within the past 5 years should be sent to Christy Classi, ASM Association Manager, 810 East 10th Street, P.O. Box 1897, Lawrence, KS 66044; 785–843–1235; FAX -1274; asm@allenpress.com. Individual accounts are no longer available for purchase. Requests for assignment of species and other editorial queries should be addressed to Meredith Hamilton, Editor of *Mammalian Species*, Department of Zoology, 430 Life Sciences West, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078, 405–744–9685; FAX -7824; mjh@okstate.edu.

MAMMAL IMAGES LIBRARY

The Mammal Images Library is a non-profit educational service of the American Society of Mammalogists. The goal of the library is providing images of mammals for educational purposes worldwide. The present collection consists of >1,500 images depicting >800 species, 440 genera, 100 families, and 19 orders. More than 110,000 images are now in use at >3,000 institutions in about 50 countries. Images suitable for optical projection for nonprofit, educational purposes may be viewed and obtained on the Society's website at http://www.mammalogy.org/imagelibrary/index. Please remember to credit the photographer and the library if images are used for optical projection.

In addition to optical projection for nonprofit instruction, many of the images can be employed (with permission) for other purposes, including commercial uses. For permission to use images for purposes other than nonprofit optical projection,

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contact the committee chair: Ryan Rehmeier, Department of Biology & Environmental Science, Simpson College, 701 North C Street, Indianola, Iowa 50125; ryan.rehmeier@simpson.edu; 515–961–1823; FAX -1498.

The Library continually seeks new images for the collection and urges anyone having images to contribute them. For information about contributing images, contact the committee chair. The committee thanks the hundreds of people that have contributed images thus far.

In 1992, the Library instituted a program whereby grants in the form of images can be obtained by educational institutions in developing countries. About 40 grants to applicants from 20 countries have been awarded thus far. Institutions can select up to 50 images of their choice, and can reapply annually. Information about the program can be obtained from John O. Whitaker, Jr., Department of Life Sciences, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN 47809. The Mammal Images Library urges ASM members to assist this effort by supplying information to appropriate institutions.

SPONSOR FUND

The ASM Membership Committee has devised a method of providing membership in ASM to mammalogists from outside the United States and Canada who wish to become members, but simply cannot afford to. Some members already sponsor ASM membership for foreign mammalogists on a continual basis. However, others who are unable to provide a full membership on a continual basis, may wish to contribute a partial membership or a full membership during some years. Such is now possible through contributions to the Sponsor Fund. The Fund will be handled as follows:

a. From time-to-time, a form on which a member can state his or her name, address, and amount of donation to the Sponsor Fund will be printed in the back of the *Journal of Mammalogy* and on the reverse of the mailing label that accompanies the *Journal*.
b. When money in the Fund reaches any multiple of the current amount for annual dues, dues for a mammalogist in need of sponsorship will be paid. Contributions will be used directly to sponsor foreign members: the Fund will not be of the type from which only the interest is used to pay memberships.
c. Money in the Fund will be managed through the Secretary-Treasurer's office.
d. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be designated as the sponsor of record.
e. At the end of 3 years members of the Membership Committee will verify that sponsored individuals still need and want sponsorship. Sponsorship from the Fund could extend to a maximum of 5 years.

Members should submit names and mailing and e-mail addresses of foreign mammalogists in need of sponsorship to the chair of the Membership Committee: Serena Carroll, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Special Pathogens Branch, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS G-14, Atlanta, GA 30329; 404-639-1061; awxb@cdc.gov.

MAILING AND ADDRESS CHANGES

Members and subscribers are advised that the *Journal of Mammalogy* is mailed in February, April, June, August, October, and December. Address changes MUST be in the hands of Christy Classi, ASM Association Manager, 810 East 10th Street, P.O. Box 1897, Lawrence, KS 66044; 785-843-1235; FAX -1274; asm@allenpress.com by the 1st day of the month of mailing. United States addresses must have zip codes. Address changes are expedited if former address, with zip code, is included.

BUDDY SYSTEM FOR AUTHORS

ASM has a ''buddy system'' to assist authors who are not native English speakers. ''Buddies'' are mammalogists who have offered to preview manuscripts that need editorial revision for English. Authors interested in having a manuscript previewed should contact the Journal Editor or an Associate Editor for *Journal of Mammalogy*. Individuals interested in having their names added to the list of ''buddies'' should contact Alicia Linzey (avlinzey@verizon.net).

CALL FOR PROPOSALS—SABBATICAL SCHOLARS AND COLLABORATIVE WORKING GROUPS

Proposals for Sabbaticals and for collaborative working groups (Working Groups and Catalysis Meetings) are now being accepted at The National Evolutionary Synthesis Center (NESCent). We are looking to fund innovative approaches to outstanding problems in evolutionary biology. In particular, proposals that have a clear interdisciplinary focus, or involve evolutionary concepts in non-traditional disciplines, are strongly encouraged, as are proposals that demonstrate international participation and a mix of senior and emerging researchers, including graduate students. Proposals for Working Groups and Catalysis Meetings are accepted twice a year, with deadlines on June 10 and December 1. Proposals for Sabbaticals may be one semester to a full year (deadlines June 10 and December 1) or they may be for short-term visits (2 weeks to 3 months; deadlines on January 1, April 1, July 1 and September 1). For more information, please see our website at https://www.nescent.org/science/proposals.php.

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TRANSLATIONS of Czech, German, Russian, and Slovak original texts. Have them done by a fellow mammalogist! Dr. Emil Kucera, 74 Deer Lodge Place, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3J 2B8, (204) 885-4071; www.kucera.mb.ca.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN MAMMAL SOCIETY

The 56th meeting of the Australian Mammal Society will be held 4–9 July 2010 at the Australian Academy of Science, Canberra, ACT. A reception on opening night will be followed by a 3-day general meeting, and a symposium on rock wallabies will be held on 8–9 July. Pre and/or post conference tours are being arranged. For details on registration, presentation of papers and posters, accommodation, etc. contact the Local Chairperson, Tony Corrigan (tc@ecodiversity.com.au). The Society's website www.australianmammals.org.au also provides further information.

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