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TRAINING PROGRAM ON THE USE OF WILD VERTEBRATES IN ARBOVIRUS RESEARCH

A number of public and private organizations are actively engaged in field studies of arboviruses from the viewpoints of both basic and applied public health research. Often these investigations involve the use or study of wild birds, mammals, and reptiles as arbovirus hosts, and consideration must be given to such questions as what species should be studied, and what methods are used for the collecting, handling, and identification (banding) of individuals as well as for the timing, preservation and collection of tissue specimens. A group of experts headed by Dr. R. W. Dickerman, of Cornell University Medical College, New York, (chairman, Subcommittee on Birds and Other Vertebrates in Relationship to Arboviruses: American Committee on Arboviruses) proposes to hold a one to two day research and training symposium on these important questions tentatively scheduled for March 18-19, 1968 at the Bird Banding Laboratory of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Laurel, Maryland.

The symposium is designed for persons actually doing field work as well as for project coordinators. It represents an effort to develop among investigators a better understanding of the concepts and techniques involved in the study of arboviruses in wild animals. The program is divided into four parts: 1) conceptoral planning, 2) methodology, 3) bird banding, 4) information utilization and dissemination. For further information write R. W. Dickerman, Ph.D., Dept. Microbiology, Cornell University Medical College, 1300 York Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10021, or phone him at 212-879-9000.

ZOONOSES CONFERENCE

The Eighteenth Annual Southwestern Conference on Diseases in Nature Transmissible to Man will be held April 25-26, 1968, at the Ramada Inn, College Station, Texas. For further information, contact J. E. Grimes, Ph.D., Department of Veterinary Microbiology, College of Veterinary Medicine, College Station, Texas 77843.

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON DISEASES IN ZOO ANIMALS

The tenth International Symposium on Diseases in Zoo animals will be held in Salzburg, Austria, 2-5 May, 1968. The main subjects will be surgical manipulations in zoo animals and diseases of the respiratory organs. Other disease problems in zoo animals will be discussed. For further information write: Professor Dr. D. Matthias, Director, Inst. fur Vergleichende Pathologie, Deutsche Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Berlin, Wilhelmstrasse 4, 1136 Berlin-Friedrichsfelde. DDR.

SOUTH AMERICAN TOUR

Several members of the Wildlife Disease Association will be part of a citizen's ambassador delegation of veterinarians and wildlife scientists to South America on a 28 day People to People tour. They are Lytle H. Blankenship, Tucson, Arizona; Glen W. Clark, Ellensburg, Washington; R. Keith Farrell, Pullman, Washington; Duane L. Howe, Laramie, Wyoming; Calvin J. Lensink, Bethel, Alaska; and Lars Karstad, Guelph, Ontario.

The delegation, which represents the 11 western states and Alaska, will depart from Miami on February 8th and visit Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, and Brazil. Since the People to People program is a private citizen effort, delegates will pay their own expenses. The aim of the People to People program, founded by former President Eisenhower in 1956, is to establish lasting two-way relationships from which international friendship and understanding could grow.

Particular emphasis is being placed on meeting South Americans who are concerned with disease and biological research of zoo animals and wildlife. The mission will also concern itself with veterinary education and public health. The delegation will visit zoological parks, wildlife habitats, aquariums and marine laboratories, veterinary schools, and agricultural laboratories.

MARK C. KEYES, D.V.M. Delegation Leader

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In "Histopathology of Mallards Dosed with Lead and Selected Substitute Shot," Bull. Wildl. Dis. Assn. 3 (4):143-147, page 145, the temperature at which the carcass was stored was —14° F, not 14° F.