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By now, members should have received the "Second Circular and Call for Papers" which outlines the program and fees for the Seventh Annual Meeting. Plans for the meeting are coming together quite handily but suggestions are heartily welcomed! As mentioned in the circular, arrangements for mini-workshops, discussion groups, and tours -- perhaps even a softball game -- can be made upon request if proffered within the next week or two. Also, please encourage your colleagues to present papers or posters during the sessions. Consider the possibility of working collaboratively on a paper. The more institutions, experiences, and perspectives which are represented, the better! To relay your suggestions or obtain further information, please contact Charles Messenger or Greg Brown. (#13)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Lawrence L. Reger, President of NIC, will deliver the keynote address entitled, "Charting a National Agenda for the Preservation of Natural Science Collections." Mr. Reger will discuss the National Institute for the Conservation's involvement to assist in coordinating efforts to improve the care of our natural and cultural heritage. A study is underway to assess the challenges we face in preserving natural science collections so they will be available for research. The project is a cooperative effort with SPNHC and the Association of Systematic Collections, among others. Mr. Reger will discuss how this effort relates to the overall mission of NIC and review its progress to date.

GETTING THE BUGS OUT

Getting the bugs out: musuem pests from bacteria to beetles is the title of the 1992 Workshop to be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. The Workshopwill take place Friday afternoon, June 5 and continue through Saturday afternoon (4 pm), June 6. Registration is \$20 US (\$25 after March 16). You may register using the same form for the Annual Meeting. A certificate granting project will be available to those who wish to participate. Topics in integrated pest management will be presented in a workshop format. Look for a brochure describing instructors and topics to be mailed to SPNHC members in mid to late March.

REGISTER FOR THE MADRID MEETING

The International Symposium and World Congress for the Preservation and Conservation of Natural History Collections will be an exciting opportunity for individuals to be a part of a massive effort to express to the world the critical issues facing the preservation of natural history materials. SPNHC members, who would like to support the goals of the Symposium but can not travel to Madrid, may register *in absentia*. For only 5,000 Pesetas (approximately \$50 US), individuals will receive a copy of the abstracts, be included in the list of participants, and be able to take advantage of special benefits, such as Symposium publication discounts. Because of institutional and governmental support for the Symposium, these benefits will surpass the actual costs of registering *in absentia*.

Stephen Williams (SPNHC President, #1) and Jerry Fitzgerald (SPNHC President-Elect, #2) have volunteered to collect registration applications and fees for their respective countries to assist SPNHC members with registration and currency conversion. Members wishing to use this service should send their applications with a check made out to Stephen Williams for \$50 US or Gerald Fitzgerald for \$60 CAN no later than 25 March.

RESOURCES CENTER FUNDED!

The International Scientific Program Committee for the Madrid Symposium has received \$10,000 from the Bay Foundation to support the Resources Center. Additional contributions of computer and photoreproduction equipment from organizations in Spain will cover completely the costs of running the Center. The SPNHC Resources Committee is coordinating the services planned for the Resources Center. include: a display of archival material for use in collections, the supplies and equipment database, the Resource Directory in a database, a searchable bibliography and a file of reprints on collection care and management topics, and information on Participants will be able to recieve publications. specialized bibliographies or photocopies of any reprint on file for a nominal fee. The Resource Committee is soliciting reprints for the file. If you would like to contribute, send one copy of each article to the Secretariat (#3), Attn: Resources Center.

MADRID CONFERENCE FUNDING

Canadian members of SPNHC who need funding for the International Symposium in Madrid are urged to apply to the Bursary Programme of the Canadian Museums Association, 280 Metcalfe Street, Suite 400, Ottawa, Ontario K2P 1R7. Grants cover approximately 50% of expenses. Applications are available from the CMA at the above address; tel: (613) 233-5653.

SPNHC Newsletter

COMPUTER APPLICATIONS Production of a Collection Gazetteer

Many collections have large numbers of specimens that have been collected from the same locality. When faced with the task of automating a collection, it is common for collection and database managers to try to associate co-ordinates with locality data. Co-ordinates not only serve as a means of data retrieval but facilitate the generation of distribution maps by hand and by use of computer software. Depending on the how automation is achieved, a problem may arise when assigning co-ordinates to individual specimens. The ROM Mammalogy department is automating historical records using a card file that documents all specimens in the collection. A card for each specimen is filed at least to the level of taxon and country. When looking up co-ordinates for these records, specimens are no longer grouped in the order in which they were originally collected and documented. Because some co-ordinates are obtained after considerable gazetteer and possibly map searches it makes sense to have that ability to generate a collection gazetteer. The collection gazetteer serves to minimize the searching required to obtain co-ordinates for obscure localities from which there is more than one specimen.

In our collection database there are two main locality fields. The Locality Name field contains the locality name for which the Latitude and Longitude co-ordinates apply. The Locality Description field contains any additional locality data, including distance and directional descriptions, and other descriptive data. For example:

Catalogue information = 1 km W of Innesville, Highway 7, near Perth

Locality Name = INNESVILLE

Locality Description = 1 KM W OF INNESVILLE, HWY 7, NR PERTH

The use of a Location Accuracy code permits the user to identify how accurate the co-ordinates are and how they were obtained (Woodward, 1991). Location Accuracy code indicates that the co-ordinates were obtained from a map, they are very accurate since the co-ordinates are for the spot on Highway 7, 1 km west of Innesville where the specimen was found or captured. If the Location Accuracy code indicates the co-ordinates were obtained from a gazetteer, the co-ordinates were listed under the town of Innesville. Co-ordinates originating from a gazetteer are less accurate than co-ordinates obtained from a map of the exact collecting site; this may not be useful if you wish to revisit the exact locality, but may be perfectly adequate for generating a distribution map for the specimen's taxon.

. . . . Susan Woodward, Royal Ontario Museum

Literature Cited

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TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

The Museum Studies Program at the University of Nebraska State Museum is actively recruiting students with interests in all aspects of natural history museums, including collection management, exhibits, and educational programs. This is an opportunity for students to gain the training necessary to enter the profession, or for those in the profession already to validate their experience and to further their career opportunities.

The Museum Studies Program offers a 36-hour master of science degree. Students may select a non-thesis internship option or a thesis option. Students take 12 hours of museum studies core courses, 9 hours in a formal minor, and 6 hours of electives in addition to the required internship/thesis hours. Natural science students are able to minor in biological sciences, geology, anthropology, wildlife management, and horticulture. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln has strong academic programs in all of these fields. Members of SPNHC will have an opportunity to visit the training laboratories and research collections of the University of Nebraska State Museum during the annual meeting in June.

For additional information and application materials, contact Hugh H. Genoways, Museum Studies Program, 307 Morrill Hall, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588-0338; tel: (402) 472-8899.

WORKSHOP ON COMPUTERIZATION OF NATURAL HISTORY COLLECTIONS

A workshop on the computerization of natural history collections is being sponsored by the MUSE Project of Cornell University, the Association of Systematic Collections and the Museum Informatics Project of the University of California at Berkeley - with funding provided by the National Science Foundation. The workshop is intended to introduce museum personnel to various aspects of the computerization process.

Applicants are encouraged from all parties interested in or participating in computerization of collections. Curators, collection managers and data managers are all welcome. Likewise, participants will be selected from all taxonomic disciplines and from both small and large institutions.

Participants will be expected to have a working knowledge of computers, however, expertise in database systems or particular museum applications is not necessary. Each application (2 page maximum) should include: a brief description of his computer experience; status of ongoing computerization projects or plans for future computerization; and other relevant facts such as membership on standards setting committees, software authorship, or related workshop participation.

The workshop will be held at the University of California at Berkeley on May 26-31, 1992. Applications

will be accepted through March 15, and applicants will be notified of their acceptance by March 31. Successful applicants will have travel, room and meal expenses covered by NSF funding. For further information, contact Julian Humphries, The MUSE Project, Building 3, Research Park, 83 Brown Road, Ithaca, NY 14850; FAX: (607) 257-8109; voice (607) 247-8143; E-mail: lqyy@vax5.cit.cornell.edu.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Entomological Collections Network Meeting (ECN) held its 2nd annual meeting December 7-8, 1991 at the University of Nevada, Reno. The meeting was well attended with over 80 representatives of Entomology collections, mostly from the U.S. and Canada, participating. ECN is an informal body dedicated to the advancement of entomological collections and the sharing of information on collections and their operations. This year's meeting was chaired by Scott Miller of Bishop Museum, and the program emphasized databases and computerization of collections. Featured speakers demonstrated database systems and how they assist in managing many different aspects of collections management and collections-related research. Other speakers described projects to improve specimen distribution and processing. Dan Janzen demonstrated a bar-coding system used by INBio in Costa Rica that gives each specimen placed in the collections a unique number and label thereby associating the specimen with its unique record in a database. Catharine Hawks of the National Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Properties (NIC) was one of the highlights of the meeting as she spoke on "Materials conservation needs of entomological collections." Cathy raised the conservation awareness of those attending to another plane as she covered some of the problems encountered in entomological collections, and patiently and informatively answered a host of questions after her presentation.

The Chair of the ECN Steering Committee for 1992 is Richard Brown, Mississippi Entomological Museum, P.O. Drawer EM, Mississippi State, MS 39762. Local arrangements for the next meeting (December 1992) will be handled by Mike Schauff, Systematics Entomology Laboratory, USDA, Washington, D.C. The ECN communicates via Insect Collection News (Editor:Ron McGinley, Smithsonian Institution), and the computer bulletin board ENT-LIST (coordinated by Mark O'Brien, University of Michigan, userhcfb@umichum.bitnet).

.... Gordon Nishida, Bishop Museum

Two-piece flexible plastic lids for fluid collections are no longer available through the Smithsonian Oceanographic Sorting Center. Joe Collins, University of Kansas Museum of Natural History, has located a one-piece flexible plastic lid which does seal tightly. It is available in white polypropylene, fine-ribbed, screw-

top, in 120mm (gallon) and 132mm (five gallon) sizes from Chelsea Bottle Company, Inc., 10 Wesley Street, Chelsea, MA 02150, (617) 884-2323.

.... Remains to be Seen 4(2):2

The Winter 1992 issue of Fumigants and Pheromones Newsletter, contains several items of interest: New pheromone traps for Black Carpet Beetle (Attagenus unicolor) and Varied Carpet Beetle (Anthrenus verbasci) are being offered by Insects, Ltd., of Indianapolis (1 (800) 992-1991). . . . Dichlorvos, a proposed carcinogen, has mutagenic (changes cell structure) properties as reported in an article by A. Tungul, et al., 1991, Mutagenesis 6(5):405-408. This Australian study suggests that you should avoid skin contact since dichlorvos is rapidly absorbed. . . . Muscovy Ducks are 30 times more efficient than fly-paper for fly control. The ducks were allowed to roam in and around a dairy barn where they each ingested a mean of 25 flies per 15 minute observation. A new weapon in the arsenal of integrated pest management!

.... Beth Merritt, Cincinnati Mus. Nat. Hist.

IN PROGRESS

Insect Database. The North American Insect Collection (NAIC) HyperCard stack is now available. The NAIC Stack is a database in Apple's HyperCard format designed to run on Macintosh computers. This easy to use program will be useful to anyone needing to access data about insect collections in North America. Data on over 100 collections in Canada, the United States and Mexico are presented in an easy to access format, with information pertaining to addresses, contact persons, groups of expertise, standard collection acronyms, strengths of collections, phone and fax numbers, e-mail addresses, and a user-filled notes field. Searches for any item in the database can be made quickly and the results printed out in a 3 x 5 card format for later use.

The NAIC stack requires Claris' HyperCard 2.0 or later to run. Any older version of HyperCard (pre-2.0) will not open the stack. Users can easily update information and add to the stack to suit their own interests.

A copy of this database will be posted in the public Macintosh archives at the University of Michigan and will therefore be available for downloading to your computer via FTP transfer over Internet. The address is: mac.archive.umich.edu. Any updated versions will be available there as well.

For those wanting the program on disk, we are charging \$7.50 to cover our costs of the project and disk duplication, packaging and mailing. To order a copy of the program on disk, please make your payment to the University of Michigan, and send to: Mark O'Brien, Insect Division, Museum of Zoology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1079.

A Systematics Priorities Initiative. The American Society of Plant Taxonomists, the Society of Systematic Biologists, and the Willi Hennig Society have formed a steering committee to organize an initiative to document research trends and priorities within systematics, to be called, Systematics Agenda 2000: Integrating Biological Diversity and Societal Needs. Systematics Agenda 2000 will have as its major themes the role of systematics in the analysis of biodiversity, the integrative role of systematics in comparative biology, and the importance of systematics in human affairs. The initiative is charged with (1) identifying important research trends and questions, and with establishing priorities among them, (2) assessing the status of current infrastructures supporting systematics research and evaluating future needs, (3) documenting the broad role that systematics plays in human affairs, and evaluating its future contributions and needs in those endeavors. Systematics Agenda 2000 has established committees to undertake this initiative. A detailed description of Systematics Agenda 2000 including a list of the members of the Steering Committee and the co-chairs of all Standing Committees, can be found in ASC Newsletter (19)4:57, Oct. 1991. All systematists, and nonsystematists interested in the role that systematics plays in their discipline, are invited to contact the appropriate committee co-chairs to discuss how each might contribute to this effort.

Alabama Museum of Natural History announces the recent purchase for the Museum of an internationally known fossil site in Dallas County near Selma. Situated in the Harrell Station area, the 130 acres of forest and eroded chalky sediments are rich in the remains of marine animals that lived some 80 million years ago during the Age of Dinosaurs. The site will be used as a field station for scientific work and for the Museum's series of natural science Paleontologists have been collecting in the area since the turn of the century. An important series of papers entitled The Vertebrate Fauna of the Selma Formation of Alabama, published by the Chicago Field Museum of Natural History between 1948 and 1970, was based on fossil material collected in a single month at this site.

MEMBER NEWS .

Mary-Lou Florian (formerly Chief, Conservation Services Section, Royal British Columbia Museum) retired at the end of Sept. 1991. Mary-Lou established a Conservation Internship Fund, "The Mary-Lou Florian Endowment", to assist conservation interns at the Royal British Columbia Museum with expenses which are not covered by their parent institutes. Donations may be sent to the Fannin Foundation, Mary-Lou Florian Endowment, Royal British Columbia Museum, 675 Belleville Street, Victoria, B. C. V8V 1X4 Canada. . . . Fred Collier retired from the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, and has taken the position of collection manager at Harvard University in the Division of Invertebrate Paleontology. Congratulations to Chris Collins and his wife on the birth of their son, David Jordan and on Chris's new position as Conservator at Sedgwick Museum.

HEALTH AND SAFETY NOTES

A brief list of some regulations and announcements extracted from recent issues of ACTS FACTS. Through the courtesy of Monona Rossol, editor, SPNHC exchanges newsletters with ACTS. Information about subscriptions to ACTS FACTS may be obtained from Ms. Rossol. (#4)

- [v.5(8):3] National Toxicology Program reviewed a number of cancer and toxicity studies in a two-day meeting. Of interest to museum workers are: Formic Acid, which occurs naturally and is used to acidize paleontologic specimens 2 week and 13 week inhalation studies in rats and mice showed it causes chemical irritant effects at concentrations above 32 parts per million, but causes no significant systemic toxicity. Ethylene Glycol, used to lubricate and cool rock saws 2 year feeding study of mice showed no evidence of carcinogenic activity. It is very toxic at high doses, however.
- [v.5(9):2] St. Johns University in Jamaica, New York is contesting a serious citation and a \$2,625 penalty for failure to develop and implement a written Chemical Hygiene Plan for hazardous chemicals used in the school. The violated code is 29 CFR 1910.1450 (e) (1), also known as the Laboratory Right-to-Know Standard.
- [v.5(10):4] So you don't hold fire drills? Law suits are being filed against Imperial Food Products Co., Hamlet, NC, in response to the fire which killed 25 employees. The complaints allege that the company was negligent because they had no written fire safety and evacuation plan, no instructions on exits, no fire drills, and no general safety training. Museums and schools with these same flaws in their safety programs risk similar disasters.

CONTACTS

- Stephen Williams, Museum, Texas Tech University, P.O.Box 4999, Lubbock, TX 79409-3191
- Gerald Fitzgerald, Canadian Museum of Nature, P.O.Box 3443, Sta. D, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1P 6P4
- Symposium '92 Local Organizing Committee, Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales, Jose Gutierrez Abascal 2, 28006 Madrid, Spain, tel: 4111328, ext. 1145 FAX: 5645078
- Monona Rossol, ACTS, 181 Thompson St. #23, New York, NY 10012
- U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Archeological Assistance Division, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC. 20013, tel: 202-343-4101
- Elizabeth Wing, Florida Museum of Natural History, Museum Road, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611. (Check payable to Florida Museum of Natural History)
- PD Dr. J. Schibler, Seminar für Ur- und Fruhgeschichte, Petersgraben 9-11, CH-4051 Basel, Switzerland
- Allworth Press, 10 East 23rd Str., New York, NY 10010. (For shipping and handling, add \$3 USA, \$7 Canada, \$12.50 other)
- Suzanne Bessette, BCMA,#514 Government St., Victoria, BC V8V 4X4, tel: 604-387-3315
- The Shipping & Receiving Seminar; Keye Productivity Center,
 P.O. Box 27-480, Kansas City, MO 64180, tel: 1-800-821-3919
- Mary Wood Lee, Center for Historic Preservation Studies; 203
 Seminary, P.O. Box 66, Mt. Carroll, IL 61053, tel: 815-244-1173
- Getty Conservation Institute, 4503 Glencoe Ave., Marina del Rey, CA 90292, tel: 213-822-2299
- Charles Messenger and Greg Brown, University of Nebraska State Museum, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68588-0338; tel: 402-472-2657

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROJECT SUCCESS THROUGH PROBLEM SOLVING Chicago, March 22-24

Project Success Through Problem Solving teaches powerful concepts and practical tools to: solve tough organizational problems, improve implementation, manage complex change, and increase team effectiveness. This workshop is designed specifically to clarify management problems associated with museum collections.

For more information, write or call: Mary Case, Director, Office of the Registar, Smithsonian Institution, A&I 1410, Washington, D.C. 20560; tel: (202) 357-3125.

IIC-CANADIAN GROUP 18th Annual Conference Ottawa, May 29-31

Papers are invited on all aspects of conservation, including case histories, research, analytical studies, field work, etc. Abstracts were due December 31, 1991. Contact: Louise Fox, Programme Chair, IIC-CG Conference 92, P.O. Box 9195, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1G 3T9, or send them via ENVOY. 100 to PARKS.HQ or tel: (613) 993-2125, FAX: (613) 993-9796.

HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE Oberlin, Ohio, June 24-26

The Intermuseum Laboratory will host a three-day workshop on the care and conservation of historic photographs; the instructor will be Debbie Hess Norris. The course will address the structure and deterioration of a variety of photographic processes. Discussions of proper housing of 'difficult' formats, and guidelines for handling, exhibition and duplication, will accompany examination of actual objects. The course is most suitable for conservators and museum professionals whose responsibility includes the care of photographic collections. For applications and additional information contact: Jeannine Love, Intermuseum Laboratory, Allen Art Building, Oberlin, OH 44074, USA; tel: (216)775-7331, FAX: (216) 774-3431.

TREATMENT AND EXAMINATION OF LEATHER AND TEXTILES AND RELATED OBJECTS London, June 24-25

The ICOM Committee for Conservation Working Group: 'Conservation of Leathercraft and Related Objects' is planning to hold a third international interim-meeting in collaboration with the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. People who are interested in attending this meeting, either as participants or as lecturers, are requested to write to: Mrs. M. Kite, Department of Textile Conservation, Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, London SW7 2RL, UK; tel: (071) 938-8592, FAX: (071) 938-8661.

ECOLE NATIONALE DU PATRIOMOINE

Created in Paris in 1990, the new *Ecole nationale du* patriomoine provides two kinds of training: professional training for future curators of the cultural heritage; lifelong training for practising curators. The school also welcomes foreign interns in such specialized fields as archaeology, archives, inventories, historic monuments and museums. etc.

Field work is alternated with classes; basic training ends with a three-month internship. The Ecole nationale du patrimoine accepts foreign students on the condition that they speak fluent French.

For information, contact: Mme Claude Roux, Deputy Director of Studies and Internship Co-ordinator, Ecole nationale du patrimoine, 266 bd Rapail, 75014 Paris; tel:(33 1) 43 21 93 11; Fax: (33 1) 45 38 97 49.

ICOM '92 Quebec, September 19-27

Museums: Rethinking the boundaries? is the theme for the 16th General Conference of the International Council of Museums. In addition to technical and committee sessions, activities include a trade fair and pre- and post- meeting tours to museums around Canada. The Natural History Committee, Conservation Committee Working Group on Natural History Collections and the Committee on Documentation will hold special sessions. For information, contact: ICOM '92, 60 rue Marche Champlain, Quebec, Canada G1K 8R1; tel: (418) 694-1992.

MIDWEST MUSEUMS CONFERENCE Annual Meeting Milwaukee, Sept. 30-Oct. 3

The 1992 Program Theme is "MUSEUMS AS METAPHORS". Museums have been likened to: businesses, schools, entertainment, social activities, shopping centers, and warehouses.

If you have a session idea, please contact Mary Korenic, Milwaukee Public Museum, 800 West Wells Street, Milwaukee, WI 53233. Proposals were due January 13, 1992. The program committee will be meeting in late February to discuss and select session proposals. For more information, call (414) 278-2716.

ASC ANNUAL MEETING Honolulu, August 9-11

The Association of Systematics Collections will hold its 1992 Annual Meeting in conjunction with the American Institute of Biological Sciences. Featured events will be a workshop on *Data Sharing and Database Ethics*, an informational session on *Systematics Agenda 2000*, and a discussion of the role of vice presidents for research at natural history

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PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

Museum accountability: laws, rules, ethics, and accreditation. Boyd, W.L., 1991. Curator 34(3):165-177. Survey of regulations - self-imposed and otherwise- that are ensuring museums' accountability as public institutions.

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Bibliography of archaeozoology. Stampfli, H.R. and J. Schibler, 1991. Bellach and Basel, Switzerland, 39 p. & 6 microfiche. [Covers literature through 1988. Copies on microfiche, \$20 US; diskette, \$25; 1992 update (1989-1990), \$10] (#7)

Archaeological seasonality: using incremental structures in teeth. An annotated bibliography. Gordon, B.C., 1991. Zooarchaeological Research News, Special Publication, New York, 151 p.

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WORKSHOPS, TRAINING AND CONFERENCES Compiled by the Education and Training Committee

SPRING

????. Preservation and Protection of Museum Collections; Kentucky; (#5)

MARCH

- ????. Navajo Studies Conference, 6th Annual; Arizona; Alexa Roberts, P.O. Box 2898, Window Rock, AZ, tel: 602-871-6437
- 2-4. Training Scheme for Archive Conservators; Society of Archivists, J. Hodson, Corporation of London Records Office, P.O. Box 270, Guildhall, London EC2P 2EJ, tel: 071-260 1085
- Building Beyond Collections; Pittsburgh, PA; Symposium Registrar, Greater Pittsburgh Museum Council, 4338 Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15213, tel: 412-681-4262
- Stain Removal; Fabric Care Research Association Ltd., Forest House Labs, Knaresborough Road, Harrogate, UK HG2 7LZ
- 6-7. Pacific Northwest History Conference 92; Seattle, WA; Jane Sanders, Pacific Northwest Historian's Guild, 3242 15th Ave. South, Seattle, WA 98144, tel: 206-323-8952
- 12-13. Museum Gift Shop Management; Victoria, BC; (#9)
- 12-14. Dynamics of Museum Exhibition: An Introductory Workshop; Washington, DC; Judith Landau, Museum Education Program, George Washington University, 2201 G St. NW, Washington, DC 20052, tel: 202-994-6682
- 16. The Shipping & Receiving Seminar; Phoenix, AZ; (#10)
- Designing for Preservation: Choosing Archival Storage Modules and Fire Protection, National Archives 7th Annual Preservation Conference; Washington, DC; tel: 202-501-5540, FAX: 202-501-5533
- 17. Shipping and Receiving Seminar; Albuquerque, NM; (#10)
- 18. Shipping and Receiving Seminar; Dallas, TX; (#10)
- 19. Shipping and Receiving Seminar; Austin, TX; (#10)
- 19-21. Virginia Association of Museums Annual Conference; Williamsburg, VA; Judy M. Harris, VA Assoc. Mus., 301-A N. Sheppard St., Richmond, VA 23221, tel: 804-367-1079
- 20. Shipping and Receiving Seminar; New Orleans, LA; (#10)
- 21-22. Museum and Gallery Leadership: An Approach to Board Evolution; Okanagan, BC; (#9)
- 22-24. Project Success through Problem Solving; Chicago, IL; Mary Case, Office of the Registrar, Smithsonian Institution, 900 Jefferson Drive SW, Room 1410, Washington, DC 20560, tel: 202-357-3125
- 23. Shipping and Receiving Seminar; Houston, TX; (#10)
- 24. Shipping and Receiving Seminar; Chicago, IL; (#10)
- 24-27. International Conference on Cultural Heritage: Context and Conservation; Havana, Cuba; Centro Nacional de Conservacion, Restauracion y Museologia, Convento de Santo Clara, Calle Cuba No. 610 entre Sol y Luz, Habana Vieja, C.P. 10100, Cuba
- 25. Shipping and Receiving Seminar; Milwaukee, WI; (#10)
- 25-27. Legal Problems of Museum Administration; Chicago, IL; Alexander Hart, ALI-ABA, 4025 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19104-3099, tel: 215-243-1630
- 25-27. Society of Ethnobiology, 15th Annual Conference; Washington, DC; Bruce Smith, Dept. Anthropology, Museum Nat. Hist., Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC 20560
- 26. Shipping and Receiving Seminar; Madison, WI; (#10)
- 27-29. Computer Applications and Quantitative Methods in Archeology, Denmark, Torsten Madsen, Institute of Prehistoric Archeology, Moesgard, Dk-8270, Hojbjerg, Denmark, tel: 45-86272433, ext. 2225, FAX: 45-86272378
- 28 Mar-4 Apr. Surface Cleaning Seminar; Dominican Republic; American Conservation Consortium Ltd., 85 North End Road, Fremont, New Hampshire USA 03044

- 30-31. Preparing Agreement Documents Under the National Historic Preservation Act; Texas; (#5)
- 30 Mar-3 Apr. Identifying and Evaluating Historical Resources; Nevada; (#5)
- 30 Mar-10 Apr. Paper Conservation Practice and Paper Science; Amsterdam; Amsterdam Academy for Restoration, 8 Gabriel Metsustraat, 1071 EA Amsterdam, The Netherlands, FAX: 31-20/755191

APRIL

- ????. Mission and Governance: How to Plan for a Tribal Cultural Facility; (#5)
- ????. Archeological Site Stabilization Workshop; Oregon; (#5)
- ????. Archeology: Key to the Past; Florida; (#5)
- ????. Geomorphology in Archeological Analysis; Nevada; (#5)
- 1-4. Institute of Paper Conservation, Third Conference; Manchester, UK; Millstream Europe Ltd., South Harting, Petersfield, Hampshire, UK GU3I 5LF, tel: 0730-825711
- 3. CCl Care of Works of Art on Paper; Burnaby, BC; (#9)
- 4. Improving Interpretation through Improved Documentation in Historical Collections; Illinois; (#5)
- 6-7. Archives: An Introduction; Pennsylvania; (#5)
- 6-8. Training in Practical Conservation; Museum of Mankind, London; Dominic O'Shea, Dept. Conservation, The British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3DG
- 7-9. Leather for Conservators; Suitland, Maryland; Mary Ballard, Conservation Analytical Lab, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, tel: 301-238-37929
- Toward Philosophies of Museums and Education Conference;
 New York; Andrew Jay Svedlow, Museum of the City of New York, Fifth Avenue at 103rd Street, New York, NY 10028
- 10-11. New England Museum Association and Old Sturbridge Village Museum Archives Institute; Sturbridge, MA; Theresa Percy, Old Sturbridge Village, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566, tel: 508-347-3362
- 13. The Shipping & Receiving Seminar; Allentown, PA; (#10)
- 13-18. Recent Restorations on the American Continent; Comite Dominicano del ICOMOS, Calle Luperon, 54 Santo Domingo, Rep. Dominicana
- 14. Shipping and Receiving Seminar; Philadelphia, PA; (#10)
- 14-16. International Stone Cleaning Conference; Edinburgh, UK; K. Sage, Scott Sutherland School of Architecture, RGIT, Garthdee Rd., Aberdeen, UK AB9 2BQ, tel: 0224-313247
- 15. Shipping and Receiving Seminar; Harrisburg, PA; (#10)
- 16. Shipping and Receiving Seminar; Pittsburgh, PA; (#10)
- 20-24. Using dBaseIII+ and ANCS: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Using NPS Museum Collections; West Virginia; (#5)
- 21-25. Museum Publishing Conference; Calgary, Alberta; Donna Livingstone, Glenbow Museum, 130 Ninth Ave. SE, Calgary, Alberta T2G 0P3, tel: 403-268-4163
- Electronic Environmental Monitoring; Welsh Folk Museum, Cardiff; R. Child, National Museum of Wales, UK, tel: 0222-569441
- 22-26. Integrated Pest Management, 4th International Conference; Tegucigalpa, Honduras; Panamerican School of Agriculture, Dept. de Proteccion Vegetal, Apt. Postal #93, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, tel: 504/76-6140
- Getting Started with Computers in Your Museum; Burnaby, BC;
 (#9)
- 25-29. AAM Annual Meeting; Baltimore, Maryland; Meetings & Continuing Education Department, AAM, 1225 Eye St. NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005, tel: 202 -289-9113

WORKSHOPS, TRAINING AND CONFERENCES (continued)

APRIL (cont'd)

- 26 Apr-1 May. Museum Store Association Meeting; Indianapolis, IN; Beverly Barsook, Executive Director, Museum Store Association Inc., 501 Cherry St., Suite 460, Denver, CO 80222, tel: 303-329-6968
- 27. Shipping and Receiving Seminar; Princeton, NJ; (#10)
- 27 Apr-1 May. Material Issues in Art & Archaeology; San Francisco; GCI; (#12)
- 27 Apr-2 May. Materials Research Society Spring Meeting; San Francisco; Materials Research Society, 9800 McKnight Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237, tel: 412-367-3003 (may be same as above)
- 28. Shipping and Receiving Seminar; Newark, NJ; (#10)
- 29. Shipping and Receiving Seminar; Paramus, NJ; (#10)
- 29 Apr-1 May. The New York Natural History Conference II; Albany, NY; Robert A. Daniels, The New York Natural History Conference, Rm. 3132 C.E.C., Biological Survey, New York State Museum, Albany, NY 12230
- 30. Shipping and Receiving Seminar; Hartford, CT; (#10)
- 30 Apr-3 May. The California American Studies Association Conference; Fullerton, CA; Dr. Jane Buikstra, President, CAA, Box 366, Kampsville, IL 62053
- Apr-May. Interpreting Native American Cultures; Montana; (#5)

MAY

- ????. Facilities Planning: Construction of Tribal Museums and Cultural Centers; Maricopa, AZ; (#5)
- ????. Rural Historic Landscape Workshop; California; (#5)
- ????. Lithics; California; (#5)
- ????. Presenting the Past to the Public; Colorado; (#5)
- ????. Massachusetts-Annual Statewide Preservation Workshop; (#5)
- 1-2. Island Nations of the Caribbean: History, Historic Architecture, Archeological Resources; Washington, DC; (#5)
- 1 May-31 Jul. Chemistry for Conservators (correspondance course); John Maseman, South Florida Conservation Center, 3400 Spring St., Pompano Beach, FL 33062, tel: 302-785-7512
- 4. Shipping & Receiving Seminar; Louisville, KY; (#10)
- 4-8. Department of Defense Cultural Resources Workshop; Wyoming; (#5)
- 4-20. Preventative Conservation: Museum Collections and Their Environment; GCI; (#12)
- 5. Shipping and Receiving Seminar; Indianapolis, IN; (#10)
- 6. Shipping and Receiving Seminar; St. Louis, MO; (#10)
- 6. Housekeeping in Historic Houses; Victoria, BC; (#9)
- 6-10. Canadian Archaeological Association 25th Annual Meeting; London, Ontario
- 7. Shipping and Receiving Seminar; Kansas City, MO; (#10)
- 10-15. International Symposium on the Preservation and Conservation of Natural History Collections; Madrid, Spain; J. Gisbert, (#3)
- 11. Shipping and Receiving Seminar; Minneapolis, MN; (#10)
- 12. Shipping and Receiving Seminar; Cleveland, OH; (#10)
- 13. Shippina and Receiving Semianr; Columbus, OH; (#10)
- 14. Shipping and Receiving Seminar; Cincinnati, OH; (#10)
- 15-17. Filling, Moulding and Modelling; UKIC
- 16. The Conservation of Sandstone; UKIC
- 18. Shipping and Receiving Seminar; Memphis, TN; (#10)
- 19. Shipping and Receiving Seminar; Nashville, TN; (#10)
- 20. Shipping and Receiving Seminar; Atlanta, GA; (#10)
- 21. Shipping and Receiving Seminar; Charlotte, NC; (#10)
- 22. Shipping and Receiving Seminar; Raleigh; NC; (#10)
- 25-27. Industrial and Materials Technology; Seville, Spain; Brite/Euram Programme, CEC, DG XII-C, Rue de la Loi 200, B-1040, Brussels, tel: 32 2 511 7290

- 26-28. Standard Threads: Industrial Collections Preservation Workshop; Ottawa, Ontario; Carl Schlichting, CCI, 1030 Innes Rd., Ottawa, Canada K1Y OC8, tel: 613-998-3721
- 26-31. Workshop on Computerization of Natural History Collections; Berkeley, CA; The MUSE Project; (see page 2)
- 28-29. Preparing Agreement Documents Under the National Historic Preservation Act; Colorado; (#5)
- 29. Towards Teaching Adults (An Introduction to the new Basic Museum Studies Training Resource Package); BC; (#9)
- 29-31. IIC-CG 18th Annual Conference; Ottawa, Ontario; (see page 5) May-Jun. Preservation of Historic Buildings in Wilderness; Idaho; (#5) May-Jun. Geophysics in Archeology; Colorado; (#5)
- May-Jun. Professional Workshop in the Use of Computers for Historic Preservation; Washington, DC; (#5)

JUNE

- ????. Exhibit Production for Tribal Cultural Facilities; Washington, DC; Smithsonian Institution; (#5)
- ????. Preservation of Log Structures; Idaho; (#5)
- 1-7. AIC 20th Annual Meeting; Buffalo, NY; Sarah Wolf Green, The Textile Museum, 2320 S. St., NW, Washington, DC 20008, tel: 202-667-0441
- 2-6. SPNHC 7th Annual Meeting and Integrated Pest Management Workshop, Lincoln NE; (#13)
- 2-3. Outdoor Sculpture Symposium; Buffalo, NY; AlC, 1400 16th St., NW, Suite 340, Washington, DC 20036, tel: 202-232-6636
- 6-10. Virginia Museum Institute for Senior Museum Professionals; Wintergreen, VA; Judy Harris, Director, VA Assoc. Mus., 301-A North Sheppard St., Richmond, VA 23221, tel: 804-367-1079
- 7-19. Western Archives Institute, 6th Annual Meeting; Berkeley, CA; Nancy Zimmelman, Western Archives Institute, 1020 O St., Rm 130, Sacramento, CA 95814, tel: 916-653-0126
- 12-19. Conservation; London; School of Library Archive & Information Studies, University College of London, Gower St., London WC1E 6BT, FAX: 44 71 387 8057
- 14-18. American Society of Mammalogists Annual Meeting; Salt Lake City, Utah; Eric Rickart, Utah Museum of Natural History, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah 84112, tel: 801-581-6927
- 15-18. Deterioration and Conservation of Stone; Lisbon, Portugal; J. Delgado Rodrígues, Laboratorio, Nacional de Enghenharia Civil, Av, Brasil 101, 1799 Lisbon, FAX: 3511-897660
- 17-19. Systematics & Conservation Evaluation; London; Dr. Peter L. Forey, Department of Palaeontology, The Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London, UK SW7 5BD
- 18-19. Managing Archives in a Small Museum; BC; (#9)
- 24-25. Treatment and Examination of Leather and Textiles and Related Objects; London; (see page 5)
- 24-26. Here, There, and Everywhere: Addressing Issues Surrounding the Preservation of Historic Photographic Materials; Oberlin, Ohio; (see page 5)
- 24-27. American Ornithologists' Union Annual Meeting; Ames, Iowa; Erwin E. Klaas, Iowa Coop. Wildlife Research Unit, Science Hall 2, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa 50011
- 28 Jun-3 Jul. Innovations in Museum Management; Boulder, CO; Dr. Victor J. Danilov, Director, Museum Management Program, 50 Bristlecone, Boulder, CO 80304, tel: 303-443-2946
- 28 Jun-25 Jul. Pacific Preservation Field School; Hawaii; (#5)
- Jun-Aug. Conserving the Countryside; Vermont; (#5)
- Jun-Aug. Environmental Simulation Workshop; Vermont; (#5)
- Jun-Sep. Care of Collections Courses; Mt. Carroll, IL; (#11)
- Jun-Sep. Collection Care Core Curriculum; Mt. Carroll, IL; (#11)

WORKSHOPS, TRAINING AND CONFERENCES (continued)

JULY

- ????. The New Basic Museum Studies; Penticton, BC; (#9)
- ????. Archeology for Managers; (#5)
- 5-19. Restoration Field School; Virginia; (#5)
- 5-31. Museum Management Institute; Berkeley, CA; Ricki Lederman, 2510 Channing Way, Suite #4, Berkeley, CA 94704, tel: 510-843-0624
- 10 Jul-15 Aug. Historic Parks Planning and Development; Arkansas; (#5)
- 19-23. Monocotyledons: Classification & Evolution; London; Dr. Paula Rudall, Jodrell Lab., Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, UK TW9 3DS

SUMMER

American Indian Internship Program; Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC; Bruce C. Craig, Office of Museum Programs, Smithsonian Institution, 900 Jefferson Drive SW, Room 2235-Stop 427, Washington, DC 20560, tel: 202-357-3101

AUGUST

- 1-21. Tropical Diversity; Costa Rica; Dr. Lucinda McDade, Organization for Tropical Studies, P.O. Box DM, Duke Station, Durham, NC 27706, tel: 919-684-5774, FAX: 919-684-5661
- 9-11. Association of Systematic Collections, Annual Meeting; Honolulu; (see page 5)
- 10-11. Preparing Agreement Documents Under the National Historic Preservation Act; Washington; (#5)
- 30 Aug-4 Sep. The Australian Rock Art Research Association/ International Federation of Rock Art Organizations; North Queensland, Australia; AURA, P.O. Box 216, Caulfield South, Victoria 3162, Australia

FALL

- ????. Workshops on Conservation Environments; New York; Dr. William P. Lull, Garrison/Lull, Box 337, Princeton Junction, New Jersey 08550, tel: 609-259-805
- ????. American Chemical Society Annual Meeting Symposium (with museum materials and collections as major theme); Washington, DC; Mary Baker, MSC/CAL, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC 20560, tel: 301-238-3714, FAX: 301-238-3709
- ????. Archeological Curation and Collections Management; (#5)

SEPTEMBER

- ????. Fire, Safety and Occupational Health Workshop for Museums and Other Cultural Institutions; (#5)
- 1 Sep-30 Nov. Chemistry for Conservators (correspondance course); (see 1 May)
- 8-13. Conservation of the Iberian and Latin American Cultural Heritage, IIC Congress 92; Madrid, Spain; Perry Smith, IIC, 6 Buckingham Street, London WC2N 6BA, tel: 071-839-5975, FAX: 071-976-1564
- 10-12. International Conference on Molluscan Conservation; Glasgow, UK; Fred Woodward, Kelvingrove Museum & Art Gallery, Kelvin Grove, Glasgow, UK G3 8AG, tel: 041-357-3929, FAX: 041-357-4537
- 19-27. ICOM General 92 Conference; Quebec (see page 5)
- 21-23. AICCM 92 Conference; Cairns, Queensland; Benita Johnson, AICCM, tel: 06-252 2369
- 23-25. ASTM D-6 Committee Meeting/TAPPI Paper Permanence Committee Meeting; Minneapolis, MN; ASTM
- 24-27. The Artist and the Missionary: A Native-American and Euro-American Cultural Exchange, 16th Annual Plains Indian Seminar; Cody, WY; Lillian Turner, Buffalo Bill Historical Center, P.O. Box 1000, Cody, WY 82414, tel: 307-587-4771, ext. 248
- 29. Marketing Your Museum or Gallery; Burnaby, BC; (#9)

OCTOBER

- ????. Architectural Ceramics and Terracottas; UKIC, Shan Tomlin ????. Issues in Public Interpretation of Archeological Materials and Sites; Colorado; (#5)
- 5-8. Biodeterioration of Cultural Property, 2nd International Conference; Yokohama, Japan; The Secretariat of ICBCP-2, C/O Kasho Building, 2-14-9 Nihonbashi, Chouku, Tokyo, 103 Japan, FAX: 08 38 28 2434
- 8-10. Preventive Conservation, 3rd AARAFU Meeting; Paris, France; P. Nyeborg, 2 Rue Guenot, Paris, France
- 18-22. Nondestructive Testing Conference; Siena, Italy; Organisational Secretariat, AIPnD, Mrs. Bazzani, Via Foresti, 5-25126, Brescia, Italy
- 20-22. Restoration 92 Conference; Amsterdam; Restoration 92, RAI, Europaplein 12, 1078 GZ Amsterdam, tel: 20-540-1212, FAX: 20-464-469
- 22-23. Ancient Lives-Managing BC's Fossil Heritage; BC; (#9)
- 24-26. Disaster prevention, response, and recovery: Principles and procedures for protecting and preserving historical/cultural properties and collections; Cambridge, MA; Technology and Conservation, 1 Emerson Place, 16M, Boston, MA 02114; tel: 617-227-8581
- 26 Oct-6 Nov. Curatorial Methods; West Virginia; (#5)
- 28-31. Museum Computer Network 92/ American Society for Information Science; Pittsburgh, PA; 1992 Program Chair, Gail Eagen, CHIN, 365 Laurier Ave. W, 12th Floor, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0C8, tel: 613-992-3333, FAX: 613-952-2318
- Oct-Dec. Interpretive Program Management; West Virginia; (#5) Oct-Dec. Technology in Education and Interpr etation; Virgina; (#5)

NOVEMBER

- ????. Advanced Principles of Collections Management; BC; (#9) ????. Leadership Workshop; (#5)
- Conservation Information Network, Introductory Training Course;
 Santa Monica, CA; GCI; (#12)
- 12-13. Harpers Ferry Textile Group: Silk, 11th Conference; Katherine Dirks, Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC, tel: 202-357-1889
 12-14. Spanish Social, Political and Economic Empire; Texas; (#5)

DECEMBER

- ????. Cooperative Paper Conservation: The Conservation of Complex Mixed Media Objects; London; Johan Hermans/Sheila Fairbrass, Paper Conservation Section, The Museum of London, London Wall, London WC2Y 5HN
- 15-16. Fumigants: Phermones Technical Seminar; Indianapolis, IN; Fumigation Service & Supply, tel: 317-846-5444

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institutions. A business meeting and discussion of NSF programs will be held August 9th. For program information, contact: ASC, 730 11th St. NW, 2nd Fl., Washington, DC 20001; (202) 347-2850; for hotel information, contact AIBS, (202) 628-1500.

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% AUTOMATED: 100% VINDUM, JENS V., CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, SAN FRANCISCO; (415) 750-7037 FAX: (415) 750-7346 DOS ... RBASE DISCIPLINE(S): MIX; INVERT PALEO; MINERALS; PETROLOGY 10,000 + TOTAL SIZE: % AUTOMATED: >0% GREGGS, JONATHON, UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY (403) 220-5609 FAX: (403) 284-0074 DOS ... RBASE DISCIPLINE(S): MIX; MAMMALS; HERPS; BIRDS; FISH; MOLLUSKS 10,000; 10,000; 10,000; 6,000; ?

SIZE: 4000 % AUTOMATED: 65% BARTON, ANDREW J., SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY, CANADA (604) 291-3769 FAX: (604) 291-4727

LABEDZ, THOMAS E., UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA STATE

MUSEUM, LINCOLN; (402) 472-6606

DISCIPLINE(S): ARCHAEOLOGY

100% ?; 100% ?; 100% ?; 100 ?; STARTING

% AUTOMATED:

DOS ... REFLEX 2.0

DOS ... REVELATION; R-BASE 3.1 DOS; OTHER-NOS/VE ... DBASE III+; PARIS DISCIPLINE(S): MIX; MINERALOGY; PALEONTOLOGY DISCIPLINE(S): MAMMALS 1,000 PALEO TYPES; 3,000 DIATOM SIZE: 100,000 % AUTOMATED: ?: ? % AUTOMATED: 65% FOSS, JACK, CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, SAN WOODWARD, SUSAN M., ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM, TORONTO FRANCISCO; (415) 750-7287 FAX: (415) 750-7090 (416) 586-5768 FAX: (416) 586-5863 DOS: OTHER-VM ... ENABLE: NOTIS DOS ... SAS DISCIPLINE(S): BOTANY-HERBARIUM DISCIPLINE(S): -SIZE: ? SIZE: 70000 % AUTOMATED: 100% ? % AUTOMATED: LEUBKE, NEIL, MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM HANLAN, TIM, QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, CANADA (613) 545-2156 FAX: (613) 545-6300 DOS ... SAS DISCIPLINE(S): FISH MAC ... 4TH DIMENSION SIZE: 17500 DISCIPLINE(S): BIRDS % AUTOMATED: 100% ? SIZE: 11,000 SUMPTER, PAULA, MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM % AUTOMATED: 100% PAULSON, DENNIS R., SLATER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, (414) 278-2740 TACOMA, WA, USA 98416 DOS ... SAS DISCIPLINE(S): HERPS MAC ... HYPERCARD SIZE: 26000 DISCIPLINE(S): MIX % AUTOMATED: 100% ? SIZE: 10,000 HENDERSON, BOB, MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM % AUTOMATED: 23% PRATT MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, AMHERST, MA 01002 DOS ... SAS DISCIPLINE(S): INVERT PALEONTOLOGY MAC ... QUIXIS DISCIPLINE(S): MIX; ANTHROPOLOGY; ARCHAEOLOGY SIZE: 30,000 % AUTOMATED: 100% SIZE: ?; ? SUMPTER, PAULA, MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM % AUTOMATED: 0%; 0% (414) 278-2740 FAX: (414) 223-1396 REDDING, RICHARD W., CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48303; (313) 645-3214 DOS ... SAS DISCIPLINE(S): MIX; ARCHAEOLOGY; HISTORY MAC-SYSTEM 6.0.7 ... FILEMAKER PRO SIZE: 7000; 18973 DISCIPLINE(S): MIX; MAMMALS; HERPS; FISH; MOLLUSKS; % AUTOMATED: 100% ?; 100% ? **CRUSTACEA** SUMPTER, PAULA, MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM 629; 9,884; 50,943; 11,750; 3,550 SIZE: (414) 278-2740 % AUTOMATED: 100% ?; 100% ?; 100% ?; 100% ?; 100% ? CUMMINGS, KEVIN S., ILLINOIS NATURAL HISTORY SURVEY DOS ... SAS (217) 333-1623 FAX: (217) 333-4949 DISCIPLINE(S): MIX; MAMMALS; BIRDS 4000: 20000 OTHER-CMS ... TAXIR; TO BE CONVERTED SIZE: % AUTOMATED: 100% ?; 100% ? DISCIPLINE(S): MIX; MAMMALS; BIRDS; HERPS KRAUCUNAS, NATHAN, MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM SIZE: 600,000 TOTAL % AUTOMATED: 100% DOS ... SAS; CONVERTING TO DBASE III+ STEIN, BARBARA R., MUSEUM OF VERTEBRATE ZOOLOGY DISCIPLINE(S): MIX; MAMMALS; BIRDS; HERPS; FROZEN TISSUES UNIVERSTIY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY SIZE: 50,000-100,000 TOTAL (415) 642-3567 FAX: (415) 643-8238 % AUTOMATED: WILLIAMS, STEPHEN, MUSEUM, TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY, OTHER-CPM ... CONDOR DBMS 3 LUBBOCK; (806) 742-2486 FAX: (806) 742-1136 DISCIPLINE(S): MIX; FISH; INVERTS; MACROPHYTES; MARINE SIZE: 11,749 TOTAL ? DOS ... SAS; CONVERTING TO PARADOX % AUTOMATED: DISCIPLINE(S): MIX; MAMMALS; BIRDS FOSTER, NORA R., UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA MUSEUM, FAIRBANKS SIZE: 4500 ?: 85000 ? (907) 474-7505 % AUTOMATED: 22% ?; 0% ? SCHRINER, KEN, MUSEUM, UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, OTHER-CPM ... DBASE II FAYETTEVILLE; (501) 575-2905 FAX: (501) 575-3846 DISCIPLINE(S): GEOLOGY SIZE: ~ 10,000 DOS; HONEYWELL SYSTEM ... DBASE; SELGEM % AUTOMATED: ~40% DISCIPLINE(S): PALEONTOLOGY CRAWFORD, MARIA LENSA, BRYN MAWR COLLEGE

BRYN MAWR, PA 19010; (215) 526-5115 FAX: (215) 526-5086

SIZE: 500,000

(202) 357-2083 FAX: (202) 786-2832

BRETT-SURMAN, MICHAEL K., SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

% AUTOMATED: ?

OTHER-EP/IX (CDC EQUIVALENT OF UNIX) ... BASIS +

DISCIPLINE(S): PALAEONTOLOGY

SIZE: 100,000

% AUTOMATED: 100%; NOT ALL COMPLETE RECORDS

WILKE, JACKIE, ROYAL TYRRELL MUSEUM OF PALAEONTOLOGY,

CANADA; (403) 823-7707 FAX: (403) 823-7131

OTHER-NOS/VE ... BASIS

DISCIPLINE(S): MIX

SIZE: HOUSES DATA FOR ALL COLLECTIONS BELONGING

TO C.H.I.N.

% AUTOMATED: -

RASK, ERIK + GAIL EAGEN, CANADIAN HERITAGE INFORMATION NETWORK (CHIN), OTTAWA (613) 992-3333 FAX: (613) 952-2318

OTHER-NOS/VE; DOS ... BASIS/PARIS

DISCIPLINE(S): INVERT ZOOLOGY

SIZE: 32,000

% AUTOMATED: 24%

FRANK, PETER, CANADIAN MUSEUM OF NATURE, OTTAWA

(613) 954-2583 FAX: (613) 954-6439

OTHER-NOS/VE; DOS ... BASIS; DBASE III+

DISCIPLINE(S): FISH SIZE: ~800,000 % AUTOMATED: 8%

HOLM, ERLING, ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM, TORONTO

(416) 586-5760 FAX: (416) 586-5863

OTHER-UNIX ... ARGUS

DISCIPLINE(S): MIX

SIZE: ~100,000

% AUTOMATED: 20%

PRLAIN, GENEVIEVE + CAROLYN RISSANEN, OAKLAND MUSEUM,

OAKLAND, CA 94607; FAX: (415) 273-2258

OTHER-UNIX ... ARGUS; SITES

DISCIPLINE(S): MIX; PALEONTOLOGY; GEOLOGY; OTHER

SIZE: 30,000 TOTAL

% AUTOMATED: >0%

FINKEL, SUSAN (QUESTOR), NEW JERSEY STATE MUSEUM

TRENTON; (609) 292-5421 FAX: (609) 292-7665

OTHER-UNIX ... C/B 3.0 (CONETICS) DATABASE MANAGEMENT

SYSTEM

DISCIPLINE(S): HERPS SIZE: 245524

% AUTOMATED: ?

LOWTHER, PETER, FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

(312) 922-9410

OTHER-UNKNOWN ... ?

DISCIPLINE(S): BOTANY-HERBARIUM + LIVING PLANT; LIBRARY

SIZE: 20,000 + 25,000

% AUTOMATED: ?

HODGSON, WENDY + LIZ ECKER (BOTANY) + JANE COLE,

DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN, PHOENIX; FAX: (602) 947-2800

OTHER-UNKNOWN ... NOMAD2

DISCIPLINE(S): ANTHROPOLOGY

SIZE: 45,000

% AUTOMATED: 40%

WINNANS, MELISA, TEXAS MEMORIAL MUSEUM, UNIVERSITY OF

TEXAS, AUSTIN; (512) 471-6087

OTHER-UNKNOWN ... SELGEM: ?

DISCIPLINE(S): FISH

SIZE: 40,000

% AUTOMATED: ?

JEWETT, SUSAN, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

(202) 357-3300 FAX: (202) 357-1896

OTHER-UNKNOWN; CHANGING TO DOS ... APPLICATION FACTORY;

CONVERTING TO PARADOX

DISCIPLINE(S): BIRDS SIZE: 200.060

% AUTOMATED: 100%

WOOD, D. SCOTT, CARNEGIE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY,

PITTSBURGH; (412) 622-3255 FAX: (412) 622-8837

OTHER-VAX; CHANGING TO DOS ... CORTEX-CORVISION; CONVERTING TO PARADOX

DISCIPLINE(S): MAMMALS

SIZE: 106,143

% AUTOMATED: 100%

LINDSTRAND, TIM + SUZANNE MC CLAREN, CARNEGIE MUSEUM

OF NATURAL HISTORY, PITTSBURGH; (412) 622-8754

OTHER-VM/CMS ... INQUIRE

DISCIPLINE(S): MIX; MAMMALS; BIRDS

SIZE: 570,000; 610,000

% AUTOMATED: 62%; 44%

LUDWIG, CRAIG, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

(202) 357-2172 FAX: (202) 357-4121

OTHER-VM/CMS ... SAS

DISCIPLINE(S): MIX; FISH; INVERTS; MARINE

SIZE: 100,000 + TOTAL LOTS

% AUTOMATED: 16%

CAMP, DAVID K., FLORIDA MARINE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

ST. PETERSBURG, (813) 896-8626 FAX: (813) 823-0166

OTHER-VMS ... CORVISION

DISCIPLINE(S): HERPS SIZE: 133,965

% AUTOMATED: 100%

CENSKY, ELLEN J., CARNEGIE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY,

PITTSBURGH; (412) 622-3258 FAX: (412) 622-8837

OTHER-XENIX ... INFORMIX

DISCIPLINE(S): PALEONTOLOGY

SIZE: 145,000

% AUTOMATED: 90%

TURLET, DOUG, FLORIDA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, GAINESVILLE, FL, USA 32611

OTHER-XENIX ... TITAN

DISCIPLINE(S): MIX; BIRDS; HERPS; FISH; OTHER

SIZE: 85,000; 100,000; 105,000; ?

% AUTOMATED: ?; ?; ?;

DOOHAN, J., AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM, SYDNEY,

(03) 347-8844 FAX: (02) 360-4350