

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

Fred C. Schaffner has recently been named Chairman, Department of Science and Technology, Universidad Metropolitana (UMET), P. O. Box 21150, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00928. Telephone: 787-766-1717, ext. 6457. e-mail: [um\\_fscaffne@suagm3.suagm.edu](mailto:um_fscaffne@suagm3.suagm.edu) (institutional) or [fcspr@caribe.net](mailto:fcspr@caribe.net) (personal). Web page: [http://umet\\_mie.suagm.edu/umet/projects/fscaffn/fred.html](http://umet_mie.suagm.edu/umet/projects/fscaffn/fred.html). The home address listed in *The Flock* remains valid.

## REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

I would be very grateful for tape recordings of rhythmic dawn song of *Contopus latirostris* from St. Lucia, *Tyrannus caudifasciatus* from the Bahamas, and tapes from *Oxyura dominica* (male) from anywhere, and any unpublished color slides or prints of adult *Contopus latirostris* from Guadeloupe or Martinique. George B. Reynard, 105 Midway St., Riverton, New Jersey 08077-101, U.S.A.

## POSITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Universidad Metropolitana (UMET) invites applications for faculty positions at the Assistant Professor level in the following program areas: (1) computer science, (2) mathematics or applied mathematics, (3) inorganic or physical chemistry, (4) physics, and (5) environmental science, biology, or geology. Minimum qualifications for each position include a Ph.D degree from an accredited institution, although we will accept applications from Master's level candidate in computer science. One or two positions are anticipated in each program area, beginning in January or August 1998. Each position includes a maximum of 9 credit hours of undergraduate teaching, and release time for research involving undergraduate students. Candidates must be highly motivated team players with a vision for the future and strong commitment to undergraduate education and student/faculty collaborative research in the small university setting. The ability to communicate with students in their native language, Spanish, is considered highly desirable. Funding for these positions is provided through the NSF-sponsored Model Institutions for Excellence program, a consortium of six institutions nationwide (USA) devoted to excellence in undergraduate science education. UMET enjoys excellent agreements for research collaboration with numerous national laboratories, including NCAR, LBL, the Arecibo Observatory, CORE, and others. The Department currently has about 30 full-time faculty and staff and over 50 part-time faculty, and offers Bachelor's degrees in Biology, Cellular and Molecular Biology, Environmental Sciences, Chemistry, Computer Science, Sales and Distribution of Chemical and Pharmaceutical Products, and "General Natural Sciences." Master's degree programs are contemplated

within the next two years. Applicants should specify to which program area they are applying, submit a complete curriculum vitae, selected reprints, evidence of teaching excellence, and statement of teaching and research goals, and should arrange to have three letters of reference sent on their behalf. Materials should be addressed to: Dr. Fred C. Schaffner, Chairman, Department of Science and Technology, Universidad Metropolitana, P. O. Box 21150, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00928-1150; tel. (787) 766-1717, ext. 6457; e-mail: [um\\_fscaffne@suagm3.suagm.edu](mailto:um_fscaffne@suagm3.suagm.edu).

An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply. Consideration of applications will begin immediately and continue until suitable candidates are found.

## MEETINGS OF INTEREST

6-12 April 1998 – **Joint North American Ornithological Meeting:** The American Ornithologists' Union, Association of Field Ornithologists, Colonial Waterbird Society, Cooper Ornithological Society, and Wilson Ornithological Society will hold their annual meetings jointly in St. Louis, Missouri. The Raptor Research Foundation will hold a special raptor symposium. For information on the scientific program, contact Jeff Brawn, Illinois Natural History Survey, 607 E. Peabody Dr., Champaign, Illinois 61820, USA (telephone: 217-244-5937; e-mail: [birdmeet@mail.inhs.uiuc.edu](mailto:birdmeet@mail.inhs.uiuc.edu)). For information on local arrangements, contact Bette Loiselle, Department of Biology, University of Missouri–St. Louis, 8001 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63121, USA (telephone: 314-516-6224; e-mail: [bird\\_stl@umsl.edu](mailto:bird_stl@umsl.edu)). Information about the meetings will be posted on BIRDNET (<http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/>).

13–16 May 1998 – **Ecotourism and Island Birds,** Miyakejima Nature Center, Izu Islands, Japan. Symposium topics include — Island birds: population processes and ecology and conservation; and Ecotourism. Tetsuji Hidaka, Yutaka Yamamoto, and Dr. Jack T. Moyer, Miyakejima Nature Center, 4118 Tsubota, Miyake-mura, Miyake-jima, Izu Islands, Tokyo 100-12, Japan (telephone: 81-4994-6-0410; fax: 81-4994-6-0458).

18-22 July 1998 – **Animal Behavior Society Annual Meeting,** Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Lee Drickamer, Department of Zoology, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois 62901, USA.

19-25 July 1998 – **International Congress On Ecology,** Florence, Italy. (Almo Farina, INTECOL; tel: 39-187-400-252).

28 July - 3 August 1998 – **7th International Behavior Ecology Congress,** Asilomar Conference Grounds, Monterey, California, USA. (Walt Koenig; e-mail: [wicker@uclink.berkeley.edu](mailto:wicker@uclink.berkeley.edu) or Janis Dickinson; e-mail: [Page 127](mailto:sialia@</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

uclink2berkeley.edu; both at Hastings Reservation, 28601 E. Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel Valley, California 93924, USA).

Vogelwarte, CH-6204 Sempach, Switzerland; fax: 41-41-462-9710; e-mail: jennil@orninst.ch).

19-22 August 1998 – **XXII International Ornithological Congress**, Durban, South Africa. (Information — Dr. Aldo Berruti, 111 Blair Atholl Road, Westville 3630, South Africa; Fax: 27-31-262-6114; e-mail: aldo@birdlife.org.za; Scientific Program — Dr. Lukas Jenni, Schweizerische

30 September–4 October 1998 – **The 1998 Annual Meeting of the Raptor Research Foundation, Inc.**, David Eccles Conference Center, Ogden, Utah. (Carl D. Marti, Department of Zoology, Weber State University, Ogden, Utah

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### JORNADA 30 ANIVERSARIO

MUSEO DE HISTORIA NATURAL  
"CARLOS DE LA TORRE Y HUERTA"  
HOLGUÍN, CUBA  
MAYO DE 1999

#### Información Preliminar

El Museo de Historia Natural de Holguín y la Dirección Provincial de Patrimonio le invita a participar en la Jornada Científica por el XXX Aniversario del Museo de Historia Natural "Carlos de la Torre y Huerta." Este evento científico se desarrollará en la sede de este museo en el mes de Mayo de 1999. Los interesados podrán exponer sus trabajos en la siguientes disciplinas:

Biología (Sistemática, Ecología, Etología y Zoogeografía)

Museología (Conservación, Animación Cultural, Fondos e Inventarios)  
Sistema Curatorial (Formación de Colecciones, Manejo, Automatización)  
Museografía (Diseño, Montajes, etc.)

La participación en esta jornada estará limitada, por lo que rogamos responda a este cuestionario y lo envíe antes de Mayo de 1998 fecha en que se enviará la segunda circular.

Nombre y Apellidos: \_\_\_\_\_

Centro de Estudio o Trabajo: \_\_\_\_\_

Especialidad: \_\_\_\_\_

Dirección de su Trabajo: \_\_\_\_\_

Dirección Particular: \_\_\_\_\_

Teléfono: \_\_\_\_\_ Correo Electrónico: \_\_\_\_\_

Deseo participar en \_\_\_\_\_

Enviar a:

Museo de Historia Natural "Carlos de la Torre y Huerta"  
Maceo No. 129 e/n Martí y Luz  
Caballero Holguín, C.P. 80100  
Cuba

Telefax: 42-3935

EVENTO INTERNACIONAL DE FOTOGRAFIA DE AVES

FOTOAVE

Noviembre 30 – Diciembre 8, 1998  
Gran Parque Montemar  
Península de Zapata  
Cuba

El Grupo Turístico Rumbos y el Gran Parque Natural Montemar convocan a la realización del Evento de Fotografía de Aves a efectuarse en uno de los escenarios de mayor belleza y enemismo del Caribe, invernadero además de aves migratorias de Norteamérica, que se efectuará del 30 de Noviembre al 5 de Diciembre de 1998 en la Península de Zapata, provincia de Matanas, Cuba.

COMITÉ ORGANIZADOR

Dr. José R. Cuevas	Academia de Ciencias
Ing. Lázaro Cotayo	Parque Natural Montemar
Lic. Eusebio Guerrero	Rumbos Parque de Zapata
Lic. María E. Domínguez	Rumbos Cuba

COMITÉ TÉCNICO

Hirám González Alonso	Presidente del Museo Ornitológico de Cuba
Orlando H. Garrido	Especialista en Ornitología
Celso Rodríguez	Fotógrafo, <i>Prensa Latina</i>

CONCURSAN EN

- Mejor instantánea
- Conjunto fotográfico que muestre de forma artística de las aves en su medio acuático natural.
- Fotografía a un ave de la zona de gran valor por su endemismo y rareza.

CUOTA DE INSCRIPCIÓN

Fotógrafos — \$90.00 USD  
Observadores de aves — \$50.00 USD

REQUISITOS

1. Los concursantes traerán sus equipos de fotografía.
2. Los trabajos se presentarán en 35 mm.
3. Se podrá participar con trabajos a color y en blanco y negro.
4. Se presentarán en fotografía de 8 x 10 pulgadas y/o slides (diapositivas).
5. La cantidad de fotos a presentar será mayor de 5 y menor o igual a 10, las cuales serán patrimonio del Comité Organizador.

FACILIDADES:

- Podrán adquirir la guía de campo de observación de aves.
- El revelado de los rollos lo realizará la entidad Cubasol a precios módicos.
- Se podrán exponer las mejores fotografías de los autores durante el evento con acceso al gran público.

PREMIOS

Se otorgará un premio por cada temática. Gran premio a la mejor fotografía.

PROGRAMA

Día 30 de Noviembre	Llegada a La Habana y traslado a la Península de Zapata, acreditación, alojamiento y cóctel de bienvenida.
Día 1 de Diciembre	Visita al refugio de Fauna Las Salinas.
Día 2 de Diciembre	Visita al bosque de Soplillar.
Día 3 de Diciembre	Visita al refugio de fauna de Santo Tomás.
Día 4 de Diciembre	Excursión a Guamá.
Día 5 de Diciembre	Almuerzo de despedida y premiación de los trabajos presentados.

PAQUETE TURÍSTICO

Dbl. — \$372.00 USD  
Sgl. — \$399.00 USD

INCLUYE

- Alojamiento en MAP x 5 noches. Hoteles ★★ y ★★★.
- Todos los transfers.
- Excursión a Guamá.
- Almuerzo de despedida.

Envíe el cupón de inscripción a la siguiente dirección:

Calle O No. 108 e/c 1<sup>a</sup> y 3<sup>a</sup>, Miramar, Ciudad de La Habana, Cuba  
Telefono: (537) 24-4520  
Fax: (537) 24-7167  
24-7168

INTERNATIONAL BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY EVENT

FOTOAVE

Noviembre 30 – Diciembre 8, 1998

Gran Parque Montemar

Península de Zapata

Cuba

Dear colleague:

We are pleased to announce that Rumbos, the Recreation and Tourism Company of Cuba and Montemar Grand Natural Park will convene the First International Contest of Bird Photography from 30 November to 5 December 1998 in the Zapata Peninsula, Matanzas province, Cuba. The venue of this important event is one of Cuba's most interesting and beautiful places of unquestionable natural and historical values and constitutes one of the most important natural areas in Cuba and the West Indies. This Natural Park is the habitat of numerous waterfowl species.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Dr. José R. Cuevas	Academy of Sciences
Ing. Lázaro Cotayo	Grand Natural Park Montemar
Lic. Eusebio Guerrero	Rumbos, Zapata Peninsula
Lic. María E. Dominguez	Rumbos Cuba Travel Agency, Central Office, Habana City

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Hirám González Alonso	President of the Ornithological Museum of Cuba
Orlando H. Garrido	Ornithologist
Celso Rodríguez	Photographer, <i>Prensa Latina</i>

CONTEST CATEGORIES

- Best close-up.
- Ensemble of photographs showing, artistically, birds in their natural aquatic habitat.
- Photograph of a local endemic or rare bird.

REGISTRATION FEES

Photographers — \$90.00 USD

Bird watchers — \$50.00 USD

REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTESTANTS

1. Contestants will provide their own photographic equipment.
2. Work will be presented in 35 mm.
3. Photographs may be in color or black-and-white.
4. The format established for the contest is 8" x 10" for prints. Color slides are also acceptable.
5. The number of photographs submitted to the evaluation committee will be more than five, and up to 10 maximum, which will constitute patrimony of the Organizing Committee.

FACILITIES

- Participants can receive the Checklist of Cuban Birds.
- The film will be developed by Cubasol Company, which will offer special modest prices during the event.
- Contestants will take their photographs throughout the event in public sites especially designed for the contest.

PRIZES

Each theme will be awarded a prize. The best photograph will receive a special Grand Award.

PROGRAM

November 30	Arrival in Havana, transfer to Zapata Peninsula, accreditation, secure lodging, welcome cocktail, opening session.
December 1	Visit to the natural reserve at Las Salinas
December 2	Visit to the Soplillar forest.
December 3	Visit to the Santo Tomás natural reserve.
December 4	Excursion to "Guamá," a replica of an Indian village at Treasure Lake, and the crocodile breeding farm.
December 5	Farewell lunch, awards ceremony, and closing session.

TOUR PACKAGES

Double room — \$372.00 USD

Single room — \$399.00 USD

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Plan MAP (5 noches). ★★ y ★★★ hotels.
- All transfers (in/out – domestic).
- Excursion to Guamá.
- Farewell lunch.

Reservations must be addressed directly to the Organizing Committee, First International Contest of Bird Photography.

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Cupon de Inscripción

Sírvase llenarlo a máquina o letra de molde.

Apellidos/Surnames \_\_\_\_\_

Nombres/Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Institución/ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Dirección/Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

País/Country \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Participa como:

Fotógrafo/Photographer \_\_\_\_\_

Observador de aves/Bird watcher \_\_\_\_\_

Acompañante/Accompanying person \_\_\_\_\_

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NEW PUBLICATION

**A TEACHER'S GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF JAMAICA**

PREPARED BY THE EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE GOSSE BIRD CLUB

TEXT BY LEO DOUGLAS

ILLUSTRATIONS BY MARGARET HODGES AND LEO DOUGLAS

FUNDING BY U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

1997 - 38 pp.

This new guide includes three chapters, entitled "Our Birds," "Bird Studies using the School Grounds," and "Suggestions for Class-Birder Activities." Additional materials are provided in the appendices, including Methods of presenting data, a glossary of bird related terms, national curriculum comments, list of useful contacts, and a bibliography. Accompanying the guide is a color poster, "Birds of Jamaica — protect our birds and where they live."

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