Second Symposium on Zoology Scheduled for Havana, Cuba, 1991

The Second Symposium on Zoology will be held in Havana, Cuba, from 18-23 June 1991. All persons interested in zoology may participate in the Symposium as delegates. The registration fee (amount to be announced later) will include attendance to work sessions, documents, accomodations, and social functions. Special rates will be available for students and accompanying persons. The Organizing Committee is arranging scientific tours related to the Symposium. Concurrent with the Symposium, a scientific exhibition will be presented. The official languages of the symposium will be Spanish and English. Simultaneous translation will be provided for plenary sessions and main lectures. Paper abstracts and full texts may be submitted in Spanish or English for their publication.

Scientific Program

Papers will be presented in work sessions and as posters. The main topics of the Symposium will be:

1. Systematics

2. Ecology

3. Ethology

Zoogeography

5. Anatomy

6. Paleontology

7. Population Genetics

8. Applied Zoology

9. Medical Zoology

Preservation and better use of natural resources

Plenary Sessions

Opening and closing sessions, as well as main lectures, will be conducted as plenary sessions.

Free Papers and Posters

Time allotted for scientific paper presentations will be 10 minutes with 5 minutes for debate.

Satellite Meetings

Scientific societies devoted to zoology may hold work meetings during the Symposium. The Organizing Committee will be pleased to receive applications. Interested scientific societies and organizations should contact the Executive Secretary of the Symposium.

Accomodations

Havana has numerous fine hotels of different categories, including:

First class hotel

- single room

- double occupancy

Tourist class hotel

- single room

- double occupancy

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To receive a Provisional Application Form (necessary to be included in future mailings), contact:

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Manomet Bird Observatory's Field Biology Training Programs

The Manomet Bird Observatory, in association with Ohio Wesleyan University, Earlham College, and Wheaton College, is offering several Field Biology Training Programs of interest to Society members in 1990-91, including:

Bird Communities of the Tropical Forest (28) January - 10 May 1991; U.S.\$1,000 travel expenses). Students will join the Observatory's research expedition to Belize to document the species, abundance, and habitat preferences of neotropical avian migrants during the northern winter. Belize has large areas of undisturbed habitat and much wildlife. Habitats include tall tropical forests, pine woodlands, savanna, small lakes, and river systems. Many animal species extinct or endangered elsewhere are common in Belize, including jaguar, howler monkey, tapir, and Ocellated Turkey. Whereas the present status of habitats and organisms in Belize is good, the natural ecosystesm are beginning to deteriorate under pressure from increasing development and human populations. The results of the Observatory's baseline studies will be valuable to Belize's conservation efforts.

Introductory seminars on the ecology of tropical birds will take place at Manomet preceding field work. Traveling to Belize, the research team will explore the unspoiled rain forest of the Río Bravo Conservation Area in northern Belize. Students will participate in bird banding and censusing, documenting vegetational structure, and determine resource partitioning of non-breeding migrant and tropical resident birds. The research team will return to Manomet Bird Observatory to analyze and write up results.

Coastal Populations of Birds in Belize (28 January - 10 May 1991; U.S.\$1,000 travel expenses). Alan Poole and Kathy Parsons will lead students in exploration of the keys and mangrove islands of coastal Belize. A remarkable assemblage of birds,