

Mammal Images Library Committee

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Mission:

The Mammal Images Library (MIL) maintains a collection now totaling more than 1600 images of mammals representing about 800 species. High-resolution images are available at a nominal charge for educational purposes. Most images in our collection also may be used as illustrations for non-profit or commercial purposes depending on restrictions specified by contributors. Additional information about the Mammal Images Library, including contact information for contributors, ordering information, and a complete listing of holdings, is available in our catalog and on the ASM web site at: <http://www.mammalogy.org/imagelibrary/index.html>.

Information Items:

- (1) The primary focus of the MIL Committee continues to be the sale of individual images and special series. In 2007, we shipped 86 digital images. This figure is a slight increase from 2006. It does not include low-resolution images downloaded directly from the MIL web site. No income was recorded from sales of images and catalogs in 2007, a decrease from income for 2006. Expenses in 2007 totaled \$2693.31 for an asset change of (\$2693.31). Our checking balance as of 31 Dec 2007 was \$6500.09. A summary report for 2007 and signed copies of the Business Report were sent to the ASM Treasurer's Office.
- (2) The MIL is digitized at a resolution of 4000 dpi. A lower-resolution (generally 450 x 300 pixels at 96 dpi) preview of each image, suitable for projection or web use, is available on the MIL web page.
- (3) CDs containing the web-based version of the current library were mailed to patron members of the ASM. CDs are also available to life members upon request from the committee chair.
- (4) MIL worked to update images with nomenclature to match the 3rd edition of Wilson and Reeder (2005), and we are nearly up to date.
- (5) Images donated by the Richard Van Gelder estate continue to be sorted and appropriate slides are being accessioned into the library.
- (6) Matt Hopton resigned as chair of the committee and facilitated the transition for the new chair, Ryan Rehmeier. The committee thanks Hopton for his many years of diligent leadership of the committee.

(7) Kristin Kramer stepped down as Accessions Manager in March. The committee thanks Kramer for her many years of service. Images may be submitted to the committee chair until a new Accessions Manager is designated.

(8) Many taxa could be better represented in the MIL. We encourage all interested parties to consider contributing their high-quality images to the MIL. Please take a few minutes to review our holdings on the web page to determine if some images from your personal collection could improve the scope and quality of the MIL. Anyone interested in submitting images should contact the committee chair.

(9) The grants program is not currently serving as many people as was hoped. It is not known whether this is due to a lack of advertisement of its availability, or the increasing availability of digital images on the Internet. Ideas for improving the number of grant applications are requested from the general membership.

(10) The committee thanks Fort Hays State University for supporting the Business Office of the Mammal Images Library and for funding student support.

Action Items: None

Respectfully submitted,
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