

Mammal Images Library Committee

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History and Mission:

The Mammal Images Library (MIL) was first established as the Mammal Slide Library in 1977 to provide low-cost slides of mammals principally for educational purposes (Gill and Wozencraft, 1994). The name was changed and the role broadened to reflect changes in ways images of mammals are now stored and accessed. The Mammal Images Library is a nonprofit educational program of the American Society of Mammalogists with the goal of providing images of mammals for use in education worldwide. The library contains over 1500 digital images representing more than 80% of mammalian families from all continents. More than 110,000 slides are in use in more than 50 countries. In addition to optical projection for nonprofit instruction, many of the images may be employed (with permission) for other purposes, including commercial uses. This paragraph was edited from the statement on the Internet:

<http://www.mammalsociety.org/committees/index.as>.

Information Items:

(1) The primary focus of the MIL Committee continues to be the sale of individual images and special series. The table below compares the number of images sold and other information for the past six years. The numbers of images sold do not include those low-resolution images downloaded directly from the MIL website, of which we have no record. Signed copies of the 2009 business report were sent to the ASM Secretary-Treasurer.

Year	Images Sold	Gross Income	Expenses	Net Income	End of year Account balance
2004	322	3045.40	2538.14	321.51	15,251.28
2005	183	566.65	1352.13	-785.48	14,465.80
2006	82	710.00	5975.59	-5265.59	9,200.21
2007	86	0.00	2693.31	-2693.31	6,506.90
2008	16	1280.00	1368.13	-88.13	6,418.77
2009	31	1503.05	25.00	1478.05	7,896.82

(2) The MIL consists, at present, of images digitized from slides 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 free of charge and without requiring permission.

(3) CDs containing the web-based version of the current library are mailed to Patron Members of the ASM. CDs are also available to Life Members upon request from the Committee Chair.

(4) Several requests were made by administrators of various web sites for use of all MIL images. Most of these requests were denied due to varying use restrictions among images in the MIL collection.

(5) Images donated by the Richard Van Gelder estate have been sorted but have yet to be accessioned into the library.

(6) The MIL lacks images of many of the more inclusive taxa, as well as most species. 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.

(7) The grant program for educational institutions in developing countries is not currently serving as many people as was hoped. Whether this is due to a lack of advertising of its availability or the increasing availability of digital images on the Internet is unknown. The Committee requests ideas from the general membership for improving the number of grant applications.

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

(9) David Huckaby replaced Ryan Rehmeier as Chair of the Committee effective 1 January 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
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