

Systematics Collections Committee

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Mission:

The Systematic Collections Committee advises curators worldwide in matters relating to collection administrations, curation, and accreditation, and maintains a directory of mammal collections. The Committee also surveys existing collections approximately once each decade and maintains a list of curatorial standards for managing a collection-accreditation program under the auspices of the Society.

Information Items:

- (1) Voted unanimously to re-accredit the collections of the Vertebrate Museum of Humboldt State University and the University of Wisconsin Zoological Museum. The former was reviewed during the 2004 ASM meeting at Humboldt. The latter was reviewed in early April 2005.
- (2) Began an update of the ASM's Directory of Existing Mammal Collections in the Western Hemisphere. The most recent publication of this directory was in 1997, and many aspects of this valuable information source are now out of date. While gathering new data on these collections, the committee also decided to explore the option of making this Directory available through the ASM website, to render this information both simple to access and easy to update. Discussions about the most suitable format for the Directory on the website are in progress.
- (3) Posted the Basic Curatorial Standards for Systematic Collections on the ASM website.
- (4) The Committee will complete the update of the Directory of Existing Mammal Collections in the Western Hemisphere, and post the results on the ASM website.

Action Items: None

Respectfully submitted,
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