

Systematics Collections Committee

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Mission:

The Systematic Collections Committee advises curators worldwide in matters relating to collection administration, 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) Bill Stanley stepped down as Chair after serving for many years. The Committee Members thank Bill for his long run as Chair. Other changes to the Committee included Scott Burt, Bill Gannon, Mark Hafner and Steve Hooper also stepping down. The Committee thanks them for their years of contribution to the Committee. In particular, both Bill Gannon and Mark Hafner played an important role in organizing the survey of collections. Cody Thompson was the only addition to the Committee this year.

(2) Personnel at two collections, the Museo de Historia Natural, UNMSM in Peru and the University of Central Oklahoma Vertebrate Collections (UCOVC) requested an inspection of their mammal collection for ASM accreditation. Plans are underway to make these inspections if possible.

(3) Most of the Committee activities involved preparing for the next survey of mammal collections of the Western Hemisphere. The survey is set to begin in May 2014. Curators of mammal collections should be aware that members of the Committee will be contacting them soon and will work to quickly provide information for the survey.

(4) A paper published this year by Baker, Bradley, Garner and Bradley, "Door to drawer" costs of curation, installation, documentation, databasing, and long-term care of mammal voucher specimens in natural history collections, will be posted on the Systematic Collections Committee website.

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,
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