

## SUMMARY OF THE MEETINGS 2003

The 83rd annual meeting of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (ASIH) was held at the Hotel Tropical, Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil from 26 June--1 July 2003, in conjunction with the 18th annual meeting of the American Elasmobranch Society (AES), the 50th annual meeting of the Herpetologists' League (HL), and the 44th annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles (SSAR). The North American societies met with the Neotropical Ichthyological Association (NIA), Sociedade Brasileira de Ictiologia (SBI), Sociedade Brasileira de Estudos de Elasmobranchios (SBEEL), and the Sociedade Brasileira de Herpetologia (SBH) in Manaus. Labbish Chao and Richard Vogt served as chairs of the local committee.

### BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING: 26 JUNE 2003

The meeting of the ASIH Board of Governors (BOG) was called to order by President Larry M. Page at 16:07 h on 26 June 2003. Forty-four governors and 14 guests were in attendance. Secretary Donnelly conveyed messages of regret from Governors Andrews, Atz, Cohen, Cole, Cundall, Echelle, Ferraris, Greene, Greenfield, Grobman, Hollingsworth, Janzen, Kearney, Marsh-Matthews, Matthews, Mayden, McGuire, Pietsch, Pough, Rabb, Rodriguez, Schultz, Starnes, Stewart, Stouder, Wake, Wild, Wood, and Zamudio.

Secretary Donnelly announced the passing of Garth Underwood, Patricia Schwalm, George Becker, James DeWeese, Virginia Fitch, Robert Rush Miller, Giles Mead, and Ralph Yerger.

The minutes as published in *Copeia* 2002 (4) were approved unanimously.

President Page announced that Paulo Petry is the chair of the Resolutions Committee. Karen Lips and Karsten Hartel are members of the committee. The Stoye and Storer judges have been appointed and their names will be announced during the banquet.

President Page called on Lynne Parenti to come forward to make an announcement regarding a symposium that will take place in 2004. Lynne announced that she and Tom Munroe are organizing a one-day symposium (15 minute talks) and a dinner in honor of Bruce Collette as he celebrates his 70th birthday.

### FUTURE ANNUAL MEETINGS

President Page then called on Janalee Caldwell to describe the 2004 Norman Oklahoma meeting. The meeting will run from 27-31 May and will be held at the Marriott Conference Center which is 2 miles away from the Norman campus. The facility has 900 rooms (each with a queen-sized bed). The rooms will cost approximately \$79 per night and the room price includes breakfast. Lunch (\$6.00/day) will be included in the registration price. Children are not allowed to stay overnight in the Conference center. There is a hotel on campus (Sooner Hotel) and hotels in Norman that will accommodate families. There will be shuttle buses

that run from the Conference Center to the University, and from the University to town. The conference center offers several amenities including a gym, pool, and volleyball courts. Dorm rooms on the University Campus will be available and local hotels will accept underage children overnight. The opening reception will be held at the Oklahoma Museum of Natural History. There will be opportunities to visit the museum but the collections will not be open during the meeting. If you wish to work in the collections, you will have to make arrangements to visit the museum before or after the meeting. The website for the meeting will be posted by the end of the summer.

Governor Cashner came forward to describe the meeting venues for 2005 and 2006. The meeting in 2005 will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Tampa, Florida in June. Hank Bart is the local host for the 2006 meeting that will be held at the Sheraton in New Orleans. The Canal Street location will facilitate visits to the French Quarter.

President Page announced that we have two invitations for the 2007 meeting. The Meetings Management Committee will consider these bids and will make a recommendation to EXEC and BOG. EXEC recently voted to accept the bid from Cornell.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

President Page called on Secretary Donnelly to read the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held earlier on 26 June 2003. The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Page at 9:07 am. Secretary Donnelly reported that:

First, Treasurer Neighbors described the state of the society's finances. Our current revenues are not meeting our current expenses and the shortfall for 2003 is expected to be approximately \$70,000. To try and identify the reasons for the shortfall, we examined trends in memberships and subscriptions and both have declined. The situation is complicated because one of the major subscription services went bankrupt and it is difficult to determine how many of our institutional losses can be attributed to this external factor. Our recommendation is to consider a dues increase and a restructuring of membership categories. For example, we think we should consider a journal-less category, a reduced rate for retirees, and a reduced rate for professionals from less-developed countries. Because this is complicated, we will develop a plan for changes in membership and dues structure which will be distributed to the BOG in the near future. Also, considering our budget shortfall and our need to increase dues, we would like to recommend that all members of the Board of Governors become sustaining members of the society (\$75.00).

Second, consideration of the dues increase forced EXEC to come to the realization that we cannot increase dues to meet our financial needs this year because the dues amounts are specified in the constitution. To change the constitution requires consideration by the BOG and the members assembled at the Annual Business Meeting. To remedy this problem, we will recommend that the dollar amounts listed in section 3 of article 1 be deleted the next time we change the constitution. Third, the next version of the ASIH members directory will be an

electronic version. Secretary Donnelly will send a PDF file as an email attachment to all members via the ASIH announcement list. We anticipate that the directory will be produced in the spring of 2004. The printed directory costs \$4000 and we believe that the electronic version will cost a fraction of this price. Fourth, Editor Douglas reported that the AllenTrack system has been successful in reducing the workload of sectional editors, and has provided savings in our publication costs.

Fifth, Al Savitzky reported on electronic publishing of *Copeia* as part of BioOne. Savitzky described how Infotrieve, a pay-per-view service, can generate funds for the ASIH by making our articles available electronically to individuals who are not members or do not have access to BioOne. The day is quickly coming when we will not be able to print a paper journal because libraries are shifting to electronic journals. The transition from printed to electronic journals is complicated and needs to be done carefully. Given the necessary transition from printed to electronic publication, President Page recommended that the Long Range Planning and Policy Committee study the future of *Copeia* and return recommendations for how we will face this publication shift. He also asked the Long Range Planning and Policy Committee, as they consider the future of *Copeia*, to examine the printed journal and make recommendations for improvement, possibly considering an increase in page size, and an improvement of illustrations.

Sixth, the FAO volumes, financially supported by the ASIH as Special Publication Number 5, are completed. EXEC will charge the Special Publications Committee to come up with a plan to price and distribute the volumes including production of an advertisement to appear in BioScience at no additional cost to ASIH because it is a benefit of our membership in AIBS. Seventh, EXEC recommends that we delete Article 3 section 4 - Distinguished Fellows from the Constitution. The intent of this section has never been realized. Only two fellows have been named, one died recently, and we have always been in violation of Section 4 because we do not have an equal number of herpetological and ichthyological fellows. This proposed change will come before the BOG next year.

Eighth, at the request of the Environmental Quality Committee, EXEC recommends changing the name of this committee to Conservation Committee. Ninth, EXEC endorsed the proposal brought forward by the Meetings Planning Committee to have a maximum of two ASIH sponsored symposia per annual meeting. The same request is being made of all participating societies. Tenth, the ASIH website is an important source of information that requires constant vigilance and careful attention to content. Consequently EXEC recommends that we establish a Web Content and Management Committee to review, update and improve the information on our website. Eleventh, as considered by the Long Range Planning and Policy Committee, EXEC recommends that the ASIH establish the Robert K. Johnson Award for Service to ASIH. President Page will form an ad hoc committee to develop the charge for the committee and develop the appropriate sections for the Policy Manual if approved by the BOG. EXEC does not recommend a monetary award, but wants to recognize individuals for their outstanding service.

Twelfth, President Page informed EXEC that the U.S. National Science

Foundation has offered to consider funding a workshop to confront the decline of natural history collections in the United States. President Page has been asked by NSF to plan and convene the workshop that will be composed primarily of representatives from taxon-based societies in the US. President Page seeks the endorsement of the BOG for making ASIH the lead institution in organizing the workshop and EXEC recommends that President Page represent the ASIH during the workshop.

The Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

#### REPORTS TO THE BOARD

President Page called for blanket approval of reports except the report from the Meetings Planning Committee. The Governors exempted the report from the Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections and the Endowment and Finance Committee. All other reports were accepted unanimously by the Governors.

Larry Allen came forward to explain that the Meetings Planning Committee wants the society to limit the number of ASIH sponsored symposia to two per annual meeting because of the problems faced this year. The Governors unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Meetings Planning Committee.

Governor Gregory exempted the report from the representative to the Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections. He pointed out that Montreal is in Quebec not Ontario.

Governor Hanken exempted the report from the Endowment and Finance Committee because he wanted to know why General Funds were paying for awards. President Page called on Treasurer Neighbors to come forward to explain why awards are being paid out of the General Fund. Neighbors explained that the decline in the stock market reduced the return on investment funds and we used General Funds to protect the principal in the various award accounts. The uncertainties of the stock market makes it difficult to predict how long General Funds will have to support award payouts. President Page pointed out that dues increases will try to anticipate our financial needs.

Governor Savage moved acceptance of the exempted reports. Governor Crother seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Under Old Business, President Page called Kent Carpenter forward to present Special Publication Number 5 to the Board of Governors. Production of the three volumes of the FAO publication was a five-year project that involved 100 authors and was sponsored by the United Nations and the European Commission. Kent called Michel Lamboeuf forward to make the formal presentation to the BOG. President Page pointed out that the sale of Special Publication Number Five could generate funds for the society.

President Page then called for other items of old business. Governor Gilbert

suggested that Jack Randall should continue to be listed as a Distinguished Fellow of the ASIH if the society decides to delete the constitutional designation.

Under New Business, President Page reported that the Environmental Quality Committee wants to change its name to the Conservation Committee. Governor Rosenblatt wanted an explanation for the name change. Frank McCormick, Chair of the Environmental Quality Committee, came forward to explain that the original name of the Committee was the Conservation Committee and the proposed change better reflects what the committee does. The motion passed unanimously.

President Page then called for approval of the motion to create the Robert K. Johnson Award for Service to the ASIH. The motion passed unanimously.

President Page called for volunteers to serve on the ad hoc Web Content and Management Committee.

President Page then asked for endorsement of the BOG to promote the ASIH as the lead organization for a US NSF-sponsored workshop on the future of natural history collections in the United States. The Governors moved that the BOG endorse Page's proposal which was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

President Page called for additional items of new business. Editor Douglas came forward and described proposed changes to the editorial structure of *Copeia*. The Editorial Policy Committee moved that an additional editor for Ecology and Ethology and for Genetics, Development, and Morphology be named. Governor Shaffer pointed out that this proposal would reduce the workload of the sectional editors by 50%. The motion passed unanimously.

The Gibbs and Fitch ballots were approved and the Governors voted for new committee members. Joseph S. Nelson was elected to a three-year term on the Gibbs Committee and Alan H. Savitzky was elected to a three-year term on the Fitch Committee. The ballot for the general election was amended with the addition of three names to the slate for the Board of Governors.

President Page called on Secretary Donnelly to make announcements. Secretary Donnelly announced that the fourth World Fisheries Congress will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada from 2-6 May 2004. The deadline for abstract submission is 1 July 2003 ([www.worldfisheries2004.org](http://www.worldfisheries2004.org)). The congress theme is "Reconciling Fisheries with Conservation: The Challenge of Managing Aquatic Ecosystems". The Canadian Council on Animal Care guidelines on the care and use of wildlife is now available on the CCAC website ([www.ccac.ca](http://www.ccac.ca)). The National Wildlife Federation announces the availability of a computer program that can be used for estimation of number of animals ([www.wildlifecounts.com](http://www.wildlifecounts.com)).

President Page adjourned the meeting at 17:16 h.

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING: 30 JUNE 2003

The meeting was called to order at 1705 h by President Page in Salão Solimões of the Hotel Tropical.

President Page called for a motion to approve the minutes of the annual business meeting held on 7 July 2002 at the Westin Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri. These minutes were published in *Copeia* 2002:1187-1196 and are posted on the website ([www.asih.org](http://www.asih.org)). The minutes were unanimously accepted. President Page

called on Secretary Donnelly to read the minutes from the Board of Governor's meeting held on 26 June 2003. Page called for a motion to approve the minutes and the motion carried unanimously. President Page called on Secretary Donnelly to make announcements. In addition to the information presented above, Secretary Donnelly announced that Varig travel participants had to present their bus voucher to the Fontur office to secure a seat on a bus to the airport.

President Page called for additional announcements, hearing none he called on the Resolutions Committee Chair Paulo Petry to read the substantive resolutions which are reproduced below. After discussion of each resolution, all of them were approved unanimously by the assembled members. The final language in the Atlantic Salmon Resolution and the CLOFFSCA resolution was unanimously approved during the Annual Banquet. The resolutions concerning Brazil will be translated to Portuguese before they are sent to the appropriate officials.

### SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION CONCERNING ASIH SPECIAL PUBLICATION NO. 5.--  
WHEREAS ASIH Special Publication No. 5 on the marine organisms of the western North Atlantic has been published as a three volume set, and

WHEREAS the books are ready to be shipped to Lawrence, Kansas,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ASIH thanks Kent Carpenter, Michel Lamboeuf on behalf of the Species Identification and Data Programme of the Marine Resources Service in the Fisheries Department of FAO, and 84 contributing authors for producing this valuable resource.

RESOLUTION REGARDING U.S. WESTERN NORTH ATLANTIC SPINY DOGFISH.--WHEREAS the Western North Atlantic population of spiny dogfish (*Squalus acanthias*) is over fished, targeted mature females are depleted and recruitment failure has persisted for seven straight years, and

WHEREAS the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has implemented a federal Atlantic spiny dogfish fishery management plan (FMP) developed by the Regional Fishery Management Councils to end directed fishing and rebuild the breeding stock over fifteen to twenty years, and

WHEREAS excessive state landings have led to serious quota overages and a fishing mortality rate that exceeds the rebuilding rate by a factor of three, and

WHEREAS last fall the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) adopted a coast-wide state spiny dogfish management plan that mirrors the federal strategy and includes the same low fishing mortality target, and

WHEREAS despite this new agreement, a Massachusetts state official recently circumvented the ASMFC technical process, inserted his own calculations and prevailed in an attempt to more than double the 2003 dogfish quota and increase the trip limit by an order of magnitude in order to allow targeted fishing of remaining large females, and

WHEREAS excessive limits in state waters undermine state and federal dogfish recovery efforts as well as negotiations for cooperative management with Canada,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists urges the State of Massachusetts and the ASMFC to immediately end directed dogfish fishing in state waters and lower 2003 spiny dogfish catch limits to scientifically advised levels.

RESOLUTION REGARDING U.S. WESTERN NORTH ATLANTIC SKATES.-- WHEREAS the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has determined that several stocks of Western North Atlantic skates are over-fished, thereby prompting management under the Sustainable Fisheries Act, and

WHEREAS a review in the American Fisheries Society journal *Fisheries* has listed both barndoor (*Dipturus laevis*) and thorny (*Amblyraja radiata*) skates in this region as "vulnerable," meaning that they are at risk of becoming threatened or endangered with extinction in the near future, and

WHEREAS skate landings in the northeastern United States are near record high levels and the skate by-catch vastly exceeds landings, and

WHEREAS there are currently no limits on skate landings or skate by-catch from the United States western North Atlantic, and

WHEREAS the lack of data collected on skate catches and by-catch hinders more precise assessments, rebuilding estimates, and effective management and,

WHEREAS the NMFS has proposed and is accepting comment on an overdue skate management plan that would ban the possession of barndoor and thorny skates, limit landings in the wing fishery, and initiate species-specific data collection requirements for skate landings, and

WHEREAS proposed high possession limits for the wing fishery are estimated to have little conservation benefit and are not consistent with the precautionary approach warranted by these biologically vulnerable species;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists requests the National Marine Fisheries Service to reduce proposed landing limits for the skate wing fishery by 50% as part of immediate implementation of the United States western North Atlantic skate management plan. The ASIH supports the proposed species-specific skate data collection requirements, and possession bans for thorny and barndoor skates.

RESOLUTION REGARDING EUROPEAN SHARK FINNING.--WHEREAS the European Union is currently considering measures to address shark finning by member nations, and

WHEREAS science-based proposals to end shark finning have been substantially weakened during recent negotiations, and

WHEREAS the most recent compromise package would allow fins and carcasses to be landed separately, thereby rendering a finning ban meaningless, and

WHEREAS there has been much debate regarding the appropriate fin to carcass ratio for this proposal with recommendations exceeding 14%, and

WHEREAS some highly migratory North Atlantic sharks are taken by both EU and US vessels, and

WHEREAS the United States imposes a fin to carcass ratio of 5% which is science-based yet generous, and

WHEREAS the European Union is the world's largest exporter of shark fins and its member countries support fishing vessels that operate all over the world;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists urges the European Union to improve their pending shark finning regulations by requiring that fins and carcasses be landed together under a fin to carcass ratio not to exceed 5%.

**RESOLUTION REGARDING ATLANTIC SALMON AQUACULTURE.--**

WHEREAS the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists is an international professional society dedicated to the scientific study and conservation of fishes, amphibians, and reptiles, and

WHEREAS the aquaculture of Atlantic salmon poses risks to the environment, other species and native stocks of Atlantic salmon, and

WHEREAS those risks include the escape, establishment, and potential adverse genetic (in the Atlantic Ocean) and ecological interactions as well as high levels of parasites, nutrients, and antibiotics in inshore marine environments, and

WHEREAS the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Maine Department of Marine Resources have promoted the Atlantic salmon aquaculture industry despite mounting scientific evidence of its deleterious effects on the environment and native organisms including salmonids,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists strongly urges the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans, the Maine Department of Marine Resources, and the National Marine Fisheries Service to actively encourage and support scientific study of effects of Atlantic salmon aquaculture on the environment and other species, including native salmonids, and to consider a ban on such aquaculture if studies find evidence of adverse effects sufficient to justify a ban,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists supports the Pacific Fisheries Management Council, the North Pacific Management Council, and other agencies in their bans on Atlantic salmon aquaculture in waters of the United States.

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING BOOK REVIEW EDITORS OF *COPEIA*.--**

WHEREAS the book review editors are responsible for informing the membership about new books in the field, and

WHEREAS finding persons willing to review can be a difficult task, and

WHEREAS actually getting those reviews is even harder task, and

WHEREAS William D. Anderson Jr. has served as the book review editor for ichthyology,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ASIH thanks Bill for his three years of dedicated service to the society

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING SECTIONAL EDITORS OF *COPEIA*.--**

WHEREAS the quality of *Copeia* depends on dedicated service by the sectional editors, and

WHEREAS this service requires editors to put their own research efforts on

hold while they apply their skills to helping others present their own research, and  
WHEREAS Craig Guyer has served as the general herpetology editor for  
*Copeia*,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ASIH thanks Craig for his three  
years of service

#### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE OF AMAZONAS

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PLAN.--WHEREAS the American Society of  
Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (ASIH), Herpetologists' League (HL), Society for  
the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles (SSAR), American Elasmobranch Society  
(AES), Sociedade Brasileira de Ictiologia (SBI), Neotropical Ichthyological  
Association (NIA), Sociedade Brasileira de Estudos de Elasmobranchios (SBEEL),  
and the Sociedade Brasileira de Herpetologia (SBH) held a joint meeting in Manaus,  
and

WHEREAS Professor Virgilio Mauricio Viana, of the Secretaria de Estado do  
Meio Ambiente e Desenvolvimento Sustentável, as a representative for the governor  
of the state of Amazonas, addressed the plenary session of the joint meeting of  
ichthyologists and herpetologists at the Hotel Tropical in Manaus, and

WHEREAS his recognition and plan for the protection of biodiversity of the  
great state of Amazonas by his department is foresighted and essential

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ASIH supports his efforts to protect  
and conserve this magnificent ecosystem

#### RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF CLOFFSCA.--

WHEREAS CLOFFSCA, the Checklist of Freshwater Fishes of South and Central  
America, which lists 4475 species of the region has been completed, and

WHEREAS this resource will stimulate research on Neotropical fishes,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ASIH recognizes the importance  
of this work and thanks Roberto Reis, Sven Kullander and Carl Ferraris for  
organizing this project, editing and publishing it along with 61 contributing authors.

#### RESOLUTION REGARDING THREATENED BRAZILIAN FISHES.--

WHEREAS the Brazilian Zoological Society (Sociedade Brasileira de Zoologia) and  
Biodiversitas Foundation (Fundação Biodiversitas), and a Scientific Commission  
headed by Dr. Ricardo de Souza Rosa, established a scientifically based list of 166  
fishes threatened with extinction in Brazil, and

WHEREAS lists for other threatened taxa have already been adopted by the  
Brazilian Ministry of the Environment (Ministério do Meio Ambiente – MMA) and  
IBAMA (Instituto Brasileiro do Meio Ambiente e dos Recursos Naturais  
Renováveis),

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Society of  
Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (ASIH) sincerely urges the Brazilian Ministry of  
the Environment to adopt the Rosa Commission list of threatened fishes as the  
Official Brazilian List in order to protect Brazil's great heritage of fish biodiversity  
and to promote conservation and sustainable use of Brazilian fish species.

**RESOLUTION REGARDING COLLECTING PERMITS IN BRAZIL.--**

WHEREAS the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (ASIH), the American Elasmobranch Society (AES), Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles (SSAR), Neotropical Ichthyological Association (NIA), Sociedade Brasileira de Ictiologia (SBI), Sociedade Brasileira de Estudos de Elasmobranchios (SBEEL) and Sociedade Brasileira de Herpetologia (SBH), held a joint meeting in Manaus at the center of the marvelous diversity of Amazonia, and

WHEREAS these societies are professional organizations dedicated to the study, advancement of knowledge and preservation of fishes, amphibians and reptiles, and

WHEREAS it is vital to know the diversity of the species of fishes, amphibians, and reptiles before conservation management can be developed, and

WHEREAS it is necessary to compare recently collected material from Brazilian territory with type specimens and historic collections in other South American countries and in North America or Europe, and

WHEREAS this scientific progress is being hindered by current policy implementation of recent legislation governing access to Brazilian natural genetic resources,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that scientists studying Brazilian and other neotropical fishes, amphibians and reptiles urge the government of Brazil to reassess its policy in order to streamline the analysis and issuance of licenses for activities involving academic non-commercial access and transportation of biological specimens and genetic resources; and to change from a restraining to a proactive position, providing active incentive for this vital research on the biodiversity of the neotropics which is crucial to the conservation of the species and habitat on which they depend.

**RESOLUTION ON THE DISSOLUTION OF THE HERPETOLOGY**

**DEPARTMENT AT THE LACM.--**WHEREAS the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists is a international professional scientific society devoted to the study and conservation of the world's fishes, amphibians, and reptiles, and

WHEREAS much of the research conducted by herpetologists and ichthyologists depends upon well-curated collections accessible to the scientific community, and

WHEREAS the herpetological collection of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County consists of over 200,000 specimens of amphibians and reptiles representing species found throughout the world, and

WHEREAS the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County has recently dissolved the department of herpetology and released two competent, dedicated and talented staff, leaving this collection without professionals to oversee the growth, development, maintenance of the holdings, and continued research in systematic herpetology,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ASIH condemns the dissolution of the department of herpetology as an abdication of the mission and responsibility of a natural history museum, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ASIH urges the administration of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County to reverse this decision so that the priceless collection of amphibians and reptiles remains a valuable asset available to the scientific community.

RESOLUTION REGARDING BIOLOGICAL SPECIMENS FROM NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.--WHEREAS the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists held its 83rd annual meeting in Manaus at the center of the marvelous diversity of Amazonia, and

WHEREAS the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists is dedicated to the scientific study of fishes, amphibians and reptiles, to increase the knowledge about these organisms to interpret, understand, and conserve the Earth's natural diversity and to contribute to the wise use of natural resources for the long-term benefit of humankind and

WHEREAS the collection, identification, and curation of biological specimens are essential to the study of biodiversity and the evolutionary origins and patterns of life and

WHEREAS significant expertise and resources are needed to collect, identify and maintain scientific collections of biological specimens in a manner that will assure their continued existence and convenient availability to qualified researchers and

WHEREAS high standards of maintenance, and often reference to other comparative collections, are necessary to provide the scientific information and documentation that should be the fundamental purpose of such collections and

WHEREAS biological specimens may be collected on National Park Service property and

WHEREAS the National Park Service policy mandates that biologists who collect and identify these specimens and the institutions that curate and store them do so only on a long-term loan basis, subject to recall at any time and

WHEREAS museums cannot commit to the expense of indefinitely housing and maintaining specimens that are not legally their property; and

WHEREAS few National Parks have the expertise and facilities to properly identify and curate biological specimens and

WHEREAS the current National Park Service policy concerns biologists and institutions because it jeopardizes the long-term integrity of research collections and potentially makes access to specimens collected on NPS property more difficult for qualified researchers,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists calls upon the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service to develop a policy that allows accredited institutions with a history of curatorial responsibility in maintaining scientific collections the unrestricted transfer and permanent retention of biological specimens collected on National Park Service property.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Page then moved to the election of ASIH officers, including the President-elect, a General Herpetology editor, a Book Review Editor for Ichthyology, new members of the Board of Governors, the Nominating Committee Chair, and members of the Nominating Committee. The slate of nominees as provided by the Nominating Committee and the BOG will be available on the website by the end of the year. Nominations from the floor were invited, there being none, it was moved that nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Ralph Saporito, Cristina Ugarte, Emilie Verdon, J. Hardin Waddle, James Watling, and Kevin Whelan distributed and tallied the ballots.

Results of the elections were announced at the banquet and are listed here (an asterisk [\*] denotes reelection of an incumbent officer): President-elect: Lynne R. Parenti; Secretary: Maureen A. Donnelly\*; Treasurer: Margaret A. Neighbors\*; Editor: Michael E. Douglas\*; General Ichthyology Editor: Donald G. Buth\*; General Ichthyology Editor: Jonathan W. Armbruster\*; General Herpetology Editor: Tod W. Reeder; General Herpetology Editor: Michael J. Lannoo\*; Physiology & Physiological Ecology Editor: Steven J. Beaupre\*; Genetics, Development, and Morphology Editor: Robert M. Wood\*; Genetics, Development, and Morphology Editor: Joseph M. Quattro (appointed after the annual meeting); Ecology and Ethology Editor: Stanley F. Fox (appointed after the annual meeting); Ecology and Ethology Editor: Christopher M. Taylor (appointed after the annual meeting); Book Review Editor (Herpetology): Kentwood D. Wells\*; Book Review Editor (Ichthyology): Marlis R. Douglas; Board of Governors Class of 2008 Herpetology: Robert E. Espinoza, Henry R. Mushinsky, Joseph H. K. Pechmann, Karen Warkentin, John J. Wiens; Board of Governors Class of 2008 Ichthyology: Larry G. Allen, Paulo A. Buckup, Kent E. Carpenter, Gene Helfman, and Paulo Petry. The chair of the Nominating Committee is David Cundall, and members of the nominating committee are Brooks Burr, Frank Pezold, and Al Savitzky.

## OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

President Page then called on Joe Nelson for his comments on the common names of fishes project. The list is compiled by the American Fisheries Society (AFS) and ASIH. Joe Nelson, Carter Gilbert, and Bob Lea worked on the committee and they thank everyone for their help. A very successful meeting was held in Brazil. The last edition of Common and Scientific Names of Fishes of the United States, Canada, and Mexico was produced in 1991. The inclusion of Mexican fishes greatly expanded the volume and the final manuscript will be produced by the end of the year. The objective of the list is to have one standard common name for every species of fish. In Brazil, one species has 36 common names. From the point of view of publication and regulation, there is an advantage for having a single common name for all species. Joe thanks everyone who has volunteered because they rely on experts to associate scientific names with common names. The common name should be stable but the scientific names change. We want to keep common names the same to assist communication with the public.

President Page announced that the three volume set published by the FAO as ASIH Special Publication Number 5 was completed and will be available soon. Secretary Donnelly told the membership that we will advertise all ASIH publications in *BioScience*. Our membership in AIBS allows us to have one half-page advertisement each year.

President Page called on volunteers for the Web Content and Management Committee. Our website is extremely important and needs oversight to ensure we provide current and correct information for our members. Susan Jewett informed the members that the Collections Committee is working to get the institutional codes back on the website.

President Page called on Janalee Caldwell to describe the 2004 meeting, which will be convened in Norman, Oklahoma. The local committee is working with the ASIH committees and Kansas State University Conference Services. A logo has been developed and the website will be up this summer. Details are provided elsewhere in this summary. Check the ASIH website ([www.asih.org/meetings/meetings.html](http://www.asih.org/meetings/meetings.html)) for information. Bob Cashner notified the assembled members that we are meeting in Tampa in 2005 and in New Orleans in 2006.

The Annual Business Meeting was adjourned at 18:10 h.

### **ANNUAL BANQUET: 1 JULY 2002**

The banquet was called to order by emcee Dick Vogt. He introduced the folks assembled at the head table. Larry Page, Maureen Donnelly, and Margaret Neighbors represented the ASIH. They were joined by the local committee representatives Richard Vogt, Labbish Chao, and Jorge Porto, and representatives from the participating societies (AES, HL, NIA, SBEEL, SBH, SBI, SSAR).

A total of 1,122 registrants were present at the 2003 meeting and over half of the participants are student members. The registered members represented the Brazil, United States of America, Canada, Mexico, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Colombia, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Guyana, Holland, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Peru, Poland, Puerto Rico, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

Dick then called on all Past-Presidents of the ASIH to stand and be recognized. He then called on all past-presidents of the AES, HL, NIA, SBEEL, SBH, SBI, and SSAR to stand and be recognized.

The committee on Graduate Student Participation raised \$1585 during the book raffle and the ASIH will provide a match to bolster the travel award fund.

Dick called Mo Donnelly to the podium to present certificates of appreciation to: William D. Anderson, Jr. for his service as Book Review Editor for Ichthyology; to Craig Guyer for his service as Sectional Editor for Herpetology; and to David Cannatella for his service as President in 2002. Mo announced the results from the 2003 election.

John Friel came forward to present the certificates to the Raney Award winners for 2003. John chaired the committee and worked with David Eisenhower

and Cheryl Wilga. Each winner received \$1000 to support his/her research. The winners for 2003 are: **W. James Cooper**, University of Chicago, "Evolution, development and functional morphology of damselfish oral jaws"; **Wasila M. Dahdul**, University of Pennsylvania, "Trophic diversification of serrasalmine fishes (Teleostei: Characiformes): Integration of phylogenetic, morphological, and fossil evidence"; **Jennifer L. Fessler**, University of Illinois at Chicago, "Molecules, morphology, and performance modeling: A multi-path approach to the evolution of function in coral reef fishes"; **Jonathan Lee**, Cornell University, "Evolution of a male dimorphism in the midshipman fish (*Porichthys notatus*)"; and **Andrew Whiteley**, University of Montana, "Foraging strategies and diet: a trophic polymorphism in the mountain whitefish (*Prosopium williamsoni*)?"

Bobby Espinoza came to the podium to announce the Gaige Award winners for 2003. The committee was chaired by Maureen Kearney and Chris Phillips served as a member with Bobby Espinoza. The Gaige winners for 2003 received \$500 to support their research. The winners are: **Diana L. Andres**, California State University, Northridge, "Testing diet switching as a mechanism for the evolution of herbivory in lizards"; **Matt Brandley**, San Diego State University, "Inferring the higher-level phylogenetic relationships of skinks (Squamata:Scincidae) using partitioned Bayesian analyses of data"; **Ammon Corl**, University of California, Santa Cruz, "Phylogeography and color evolution of the side-blotched lizard"; **Alison Davis**, University of California, Santa Cruz, "A test of kin influence on dispersal patterns in *Xantusia vigilis*, the desert night lizard: maternal and sibling effects"; **Andrew Giordano**, Washington State University, "Assessing plasticity and genetic control in life history variation in the long-toed salamander (*Ambystoma macrodactylum*)"; **Alison McCombe**, University of Florida, "Compensatory growth and life-history trade-offs in *Hemidactylus garnotii*"; **Mason Ryan**, Southern Illinois University, "The reproductive ecology of a Neotropical stream breeding frog: *Eleutherodactylus punctariolus*"; **Geoffrey Sorrell**, Auburn University, "Population ecology of *Bothriechis schlegelii* with emphasis on seasonal variation in habitat use"; Jennifer Weist, California State University, Northridge, "Is diurnal aggregation in banded geckos (*Coleonyx variegatus*) socially mediated or the result of rare retreats?"; **Stephen Whitfield**, Florida International University, "Costs and benefits of male and female parental investment in *Eleutherodactylus johnstonei*, a frog with amphisexual parental care."

Dick then called Pat Gregory to the microphone to announce the names of Stoye and Storer judges and winners. The chair of the Student Awards Committee, Carol Johnston, worked with Pat to find chairs and judges for the eight categories of student awards presented by the ASIH. Bob Aldridge and Jeff Janovetz judged the Stoye papers in the Physiology and Physiological Ecology Category and **Karen Frutchey**, University of Central Florida, won for her paper entitled "Plasma levels of vitamins necessary for reproduction in nesting marine turtles from the Archie Carr NWR". Brad Shaffer, Jack Sites and Jeff Janovetz judged Stoye papers in Genetics, Development, and Morphology. **Elizabeth F. Neeley**, Boston University, won for her paper entitled "Trends in color patterns among Neotropical wrasses (Perciformes: Labridae)." Glenn Stewart, Karen Lips, and Bernie Kuhadja judged Stoye Papers in the Conservation category which was won by **Tony**

**Gamble**, University of Minnesota, for his talk entitled "Trends in color patterns among Neotropical wrasses (Perciformes: Labridae)." Gordon Rodda, Karen Warkentin, Hart Welsh, Ron Coleman, Kirk Winemiller, and Mark Pyron judged Stoye papers in the Ecology and Ethology category. **Michael P. Robinson**, University of Miami, won the Stoye award for his paper entitled "Face suckers aren't sexy: mating success of male bicolor damselfish (*Stegastes partitus*) infected by the parasitic isopod *Anilocra partiti*." Roberto Reis, Jay Stauffer, Phil Willink, Michael Horn, and Frank Pezold judged Stoye papers in the General Ichthyology category. **James C. Liao**, Harvard University, won for his paper "The Karman gait: a novel mode of fish locomotion in turbulent flow and its implications for energy economy". Jim Bogart, Laurie Vitt, Steve Tilley, and Jack Sites judged Stoye papers in the General Herpetology category. **Ana Carolina O. Q. Carnaval**, Field Museum & University of Chicago, won for her talk entitled "Levels and patterns of genetic diversity among populations of *Proceratophrys* gr. *boiei* in rainforest remnants of Northeastern Brazil." Jim Hanken, Sharon Downes, Bob Aldridge, and Richard Griffiths judged the Storer posters in Herpetology which was won by **Luis Schiesari**, University of Michigan, for his poster "A comparative study of the feeding ecology of anuran larvae using stable isotopes." Mark Sabaj, Mario de Pinna, Steve Szedlmayer, and Jon Armbruster judged the Storer posters in Ichthyology. **Brian L. Sidlauskas**, University of Chicago, won for his poster entitled "Morphological diversification of anostomid and curimatid fishes."

Paulo Petry came to the podium. He read the final version of the Atlantic Salmon resolution which was passed by acclamation. The CLOFFSCA resolution also passed by acclamation. Paulo was brave in the face of all those caipirinhas; he was also funny. The paper version of the resolutions pales alongside the presentation made during the banquet.

#### BANQUET RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION THANKING THE LOCAL COMMITTEE.--WHEREAS INPA (Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas da Amazonia), Universidade Federal do Amazonas (UFAM), and Associação de Ictiologos e herpetologos da Amazonia (AIHA), hosted a joint assembly of American Elasmobranch Society (AES), American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (ASIH), Herpetologists' League (HL), Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles (SSAR), Neotropical Ichthyological Association (NIA), Sociedade Brasileira de Ictiologia (SBI), Sociedade Brasileira de Estudos de Elasmobranchios (SBEEL) and Sociedade Brasileira de Herpetologia (SBH), and

WHEREAS Orcal Eventos was instrumental in organizing the meeting, and

WHEREAS the local committee spent a lot of time designing a multifunctional name badge appropriate for the crocodile hunters trip to the Amazon, but whose names plus institutions could only be read from 10 cm distance, and

WHEREAS the local committee saved many tropical trees by distributing abstracts on CDs rather than a printed book, but failed to provide all participants with laptops so that abstracts could be read during less than stimulating

presentations, and

WHEREAS the efforts of local volunteers were much appreciated as they opened and closed meeting room doors, assisted in registration, and operated the multimedia equipment, we felt that they were a bit overdressed and should have considered speedos and feathers as their uniform of choice, and

WHEREAS the local committee provided plenty of free beverages and light carbohydrates at the breaks, we could not help but note that the alcohol that was promised for the poster sessions was nowhere to be found, which seriously affected our ability to maneuver around the narrow cattle chutes at the poster sessions, and

WHEREAS the local committee and the meeting management committee have made this meeting a very special occasion, and

WHEREAS this meeting allowed exchange of science and saludos,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the societies gratefully thank them all, including the titular local committee consisting of Dick Vogt, Labbish Chao, Jorge Porto, Lucia Helena Rapp Py-Daniel, Claudia de Deus, Claudia Keller, Leandro Souza and 60 students from UFAM and INPA, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we thank Terezinha Lima Silva, Marcia Sentora, and Gloria Gama of Orcal Eventos for their help and support.

RESOLUTION FOR THE MONEY TEAM.--WHEREAS Jorge Ivan Porto and his "money team" Celeste Nakayama, Aldaleia Carmo dos Santos, and Eliana Feldberg have done a great service during the meeting while they collected registration fees, collected money for t-shirts, sold banquet tickets, and were able to calm down stressed out attendees, and

WHEREAS, "money team" members were immediately identified by the dollar sign on their t-shirts,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the societies invite Jorge and his team to be permanent on-site money collectors for future meetings.

RESOLUTION TO BAN SPEEDOS FROM THE DINING AREA.--WHEREAS our societies have always held the membership to the strictest standards of appropriate attire at our annual meetings, and

WHEREAS Dr. Richard Vogt is a longstanding member and regular attendee at our annual meetings, and

WHEREAS Dr. Vogt's exemplary attire at this meeting, particularly at his introductory statements, has been in keeping with the high standards set by our societies, and

WHEREAS other male members of the societies in the course of aquatic recreation or while basking poolside were seen parading around in nothing more than a speedo and a smile, and

WHEREAS most sighted individuals would agree that the physique of the vast majority of our male members is not suited for sporting garments that are better suited as marble bags, and

WHEREAS some of us were eating our lunch during these visual encounters, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Dr. Vogt is appointed as sergeant-at-arms-of-attire and charged with enforcing strict dress policies at subsequent

meetings, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this includes the enforcement of a new ban on the wearing of said "marble bags" by male members who have not seen their members for more than a decade.

RESOLUTION ON DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY.--WHEREAS digital technology was used in the vast majority of the presentations in Manaus, and

WHEREAS there were very few malfunctions during the PowerPoint presentations, and

WHEREAS this technology was not used during the 2002 ASIH meeting in Kansas City,

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the ASIH be creative and import this "non-US based" proven technology and protocols to be used at the 2004 meeting in Oklahoma, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Societies thank Mr. Nelson Figueiredo de Mendonça of FIG-MEN for providing an excellent multimedia logistics support team.

RESOLUTION ON ETHANOL.--WHEREAS the Manaus local committee chairs promised that wine would flow freely and plentifully at the 2002 business meeting, and

WHEREAS *Antarctica*, *Skol*, *Brahma*, and *Bohemia* did flow, in phenomenal quantities during the 2003 annual meeting, and

WHEREAS nobody will ever forget caipirinhas,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ASIH be thanked for staging the annual meetings because they provided Dick and Labbish with the decades of training they needed to gauge our ethanol needs during the first meeting of herpetologists and ichthyologists in the Amazon.

RESOLUTION ON VARIG.--WHEREAS Varig Travel Vacation and Varig airlines started collecting money one year in advance to ensure that there would be adequate flights available to all wishing to attend these meetings, and

WHEREAS Varig grossly overbooked most flights causing panic among the herpetologists and ichthyologists, and

WHEREAS Varig continuously changed our return flights to the east coast and generated multiple iterations of line forming events, and

WHEREAS Varig insisted that most attendees see the full extent of the Amazon through the eagle's eyes by diverting flights to São Paulo in route to Miami, and

WHEREAS there are no roads out of Manaus and the slow boat down the river would take a full field season to reach the Atlantic, and

WHEREAS the only other option for over 1000 attendees would be to stay with Dick,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we are all desperately hoping that we will be back in the US in time to attend the meetings in Oklahoma.

RESOLUTION ON NIA BOAT TRIP.--WHEREAS the NIA boat trip which should have lasted about 40 minutes took actually more than two hours because the boat crew was completely lost in the waters of the Rio Negro, and

WHEREAS several distinguished ichthyologists could have perished due to a shipwreck caused by the incompetency of the boat crew, turning them into meals for piranhas, candirus, and caimans,

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the next boat trip to be taken during an ASIH meeting in the Rio Negro should have an experienced crew, aided by GPS and other navigational devices, and should be filled with images envisioned by Flavio Lima.

RESOLUTION ON THE CANDIRU.--WHEREAS one of the seven plagues of the Amazon is the infamous fish known as the candiru, and

WHEREAS the candiru is know to occupy orifices of all types including those of the human body, and

WHEREAS ASIH members who were swimming in local waters may unknowingly be harboring a candiru in an orifice,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the local committee will not be held liable for the inadvertent concealment and illegal exportation of said candiru specimens.

GRAD STUDENTS RESOLUTION.--WHEREAS in Kansas City it was rumored that graduate students had to sustain themselves by gorging during coffee breaks , and

WHEREAS many of these same students resorted to purchasing alcohol at discount liquor stores, and

WHEREAS many of this year's students have actually eaten so much they gained weight and they may be candidates for rehabilitation because of all the free alcohol

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that these graduate students say in unison: *Toto, We ain't in Kansas anymore!!*

RESOLUTION FOR DICK AND LABBISH.--WHEREAS hosting the annual meeting requires months of dedicated effort to millions of details, and

WHEREAS these details become increasingly stressful as the date of the meeting approaches, and

WHEREAS everyone responds to stress differently -- some get ulcers, some get zits, some get exploding zits, and others loose their ability to communicate coherently, and

WHEREAS we know things grow better in the tropics, Dick proved it while he nurtured his facial monster, and Labbish created a new undecipherable language combining English, Chinese, and Portuguese,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Dick should provide the next local chairs with a case of Clearasil and Labbish speak only English in Norman.

## PRESENTATION OF THE FITCH AWARD

Jay Savage was called to the podium to present the 2003 Henry S. Fitch Award for Excellence in Herpetology. Savage introduced his fellow committee members David Wake and Stan Fox. Savage described Harry Greene's efforts to establish the Henry S. Fitch Award and the endowment to support the award. This year's awardee is the fifth recipient of the award (the Fitch Award has been given to: A. Stanley Rand, David Wake, Jay Savage, and Robert Inger). The following are Jay's remarks presented during the banquet. "The honoree for 2--3 is a shining example of all of the qualities that our society honors for contributions to our understanding of systematics, ecology, natural history and conservation of amphibians and reptiles through the Henry S. Fitch Award. It is my great pleasure to make the Henry S. Fitch Award for 2003 to Professor Richard Shine, University of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, for his outstanding and groundbreaking research on the biology of squamate reptiles, especially snakes through studies that emphasize field analyses of behavior and ecology, and experimentally test original hypotheses on evolutionary processes, reproductive biology, and sexual selection within a phylogenetic context. He also has mentored an outstanding cadre of more than thirty students receiving advanced degrees in herpetology and has played a major role in conservation efforts for the Australian herpetofauna." Rick came forward to receive his certificate and check and thank the ASIH for the honor.

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIBBS AWARD

William D. Anderson, Jr. came forward to present the Gibbs award and made the following remarks: "The Robert H. Gibbs, Jr., Memorial Award for Excellence in Systematic Ichthyology is presented in the memory of Robert H. Gibbs, Jr., Distinguished Fellow of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists. The award is made possible by an endowment fund established by the Society from a gift provided by Frigga Gibbs, Bob's wife.

The Gibbs Award is given for an outstanding body of published work in systematic ichthyology to a citizen of a Western Hemisphere nation who has not been a previous recipient and consists of a plaque and a cash sum based on available income accrued to the endowed principal.

The award is offered annually and the recipient, selected by committee, is recognized at the annual meeting of the Society. The members of this year's Robert H. Gibbs, Jr., Memorial Award Committee are Hank Bart, Larry Page, and Bill Anderson.

The first Gibbs Award was presented in 1989 to Bruce Collette. Last year it went to Joe Nelson.

The awardee for 2003 has worked on a wide variety of taxa from the specific to the supraordinal and has used an impressive array of approaches to elucidate the systematics of fishes. He has described new species, studied functional morphology, and contributed to the knowledge of the ecology of larval fishes. But his most significant contributions have been to comparative anatomy, ontogeny, phylogeny, and classification of fishes. In recent years he has collaborated with others using

molecular data in order to test hypotheses of relationships based on morphology and to develop new hypotheses.

There have been few, if any, workers in the last 20 years who have done more to clarify the relationships of bony fishes, especially acanthomorphs, than has this year's recipient. One measure of the impact of his research can be obtained by examining the numerous citations of his work in the third edition of Nelson's *Fishes of the World*. By my hurried count, more than 25 of his papers are cited.

The 2003 awardee has nearly 70 publications on fishes, including two edited volumes on phylogeny and interrelationships of fishes, four papers in press, and numerous studies in progress. In addition to his published works, he has made numerous presentations at professional meetings, including being a frequent contributor during ASIH meetings.

It is my pleasure to announce that the 2003 recipient of the Robert H. Gibbs, Jr., Memorial Award for Excellence in Systematic Ichthyology is G. David Johnson." Dave came forward and accepted the plaque and check and congratulations from his colleagues.

To conclude the indoor part of the Manaus banquet celebration, Dick called on Laurie Vitt and Jan Caldwell who invited all of us to come to Norman in 2004 and afterward the banquet was adjourned to the pool for the final party in Manaus.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen A. Donnelly  
ASIH Secretary