

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) Eight collections are currently at various stages of the accreditation review process.
 - a. University of Colorado Natural History Museum
 - i. Requested site-visit during ASM 2024 annual meeting.
 - ii. Provided self-assessment documents
 - iii. Awaiting site visit
 - b. Denver Museum of Nature & Science
 - i. Requested site-visit during ASM 2024 annual meeting.
 - ii. Pending scheduling of potential site-visit
 - c. Museo Javeriano de Historia Natural-MUJ, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana of Bogotá
 - i. Made initial inquiry into accreditation
 - ii. Received self-assessment documents from chair (15 March 2024)
 - d. Colección Regional Durango (CRD), Durango, Mexico
 - i. Provided self-assessment documents
 - ii. Site visit completed April 14, 2024 by Robert Dowler
 - iii. Pending distribution of site-visit report to full committee
 - e. Utah Museum Natural History, University of Utah (UMNH)
 - i. Site-visit completed 7 November 2023 by Jeff Bradley, Chris Conroy, Jonathan Dunnun, Angela Hornsby, Dianna Krejsa, Bryan McLean, Laura Steger, Duke Rogers, Dakota Rowsey, Richard Stevens, Cody Thompson, Nate Upham during all-hands meeting of NSF funded RANGES project.
 - ii. Pending distribution of site-visit report and full committee discussion/
 - f. Northern Michigan University
 - i. Provided self-assessment documents
 - ii. Site visit completed 30 September 2022 by Cody Thompson

- iii. Awaiting full committee discussion/decisions
- g. University of Oklahoma, Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History
 - i. Provided self-assessment documents
 - ii. Awaiting site visit
- h. Museum of Natural History, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
 - i. Provided self-assessment documents
 - ii. Site visit performed by SCC during Tucson ASM meeting
 - iii. Pending review of UA institutional support for the collections

(2) A revision of the *Basic Curatorial Standards for Systematic Collections* (Journal of Mammalogy, 85:180-181, 2004) is in process. A final document will be available for President and Board of Directors review following the SCC meeting at the 2024 annual meeting. The *Standards* document will be submitted to the journal for publication shortly thereafter.

(3) Conversion of the *Mammal collections of the Western Hemisphere: a survey and directory of collections* into a digital format hosted on the ASM website has been approved by President Smith. Development is underway by an SCC subcommittee (Kurt Galbreath, Katrina Derieg, Cody Thompson, Marcy Revelez, Nate Upham and Jon Dunnum) and the communications Committee.

(4) A guideline document for performing accreditations is in development.

(5) The committee welcomed three new members: Angela Hornsby (Bell Museum, University of Minnesota), Antonia Androski (Museum of Southwestern Biology, University of New Mexico), and Dianna Krejsa (Biodiversity Institute and Natural History Museum, University of Kansas).

(6) The committee accepted the resignations of Nancy Moncrief and Duke Rogers in 2024. Nancy served over 30 years and Duke 27! We thank them for their amazing contributions to the SCC!

Action Items:

The Committee requests an annual budget of \$3000 in 2024-2025.

(1) Funds are requested to support the conversion of the *Mammal collections of the Western Hemisphere: a survey and directory of collections* to an online collections database (e.g., server space, domain costs, software, consulting fees) hosted on the ASM website.

(2) Funds are requested to assist with travel costs for up to two site-visits of mammal collections and genetic resources facilities for the accreditation programs.

Proposed budget:

- Online collections database development.....\$2000
- Travel for 2 persons/site visit (car + fuel).....\$400
 - a. Sam Noble Ok Mus Nat Hist, Norman, Oklahoma

b. Denver Museum of Nature & Science
Lodging/food as needed..... \$600
Total\$3000

Respectfully submitted,
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