

Education and Graduate Students Committee

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Mission:

The Committee on Education and Graduate Students assists students of mammalogy in making informed choices of career, improving their scientific expertise, and helping them find funding for research and employment in the discipline. To those ends, the committee prepares and distributes brochures, holds periodic workshops, provides evaluations of student presentations at the Annual Meeting, and conducts various mentoring/networking activities.

Information Items:

- (1) Evaluation of student presentations continues to be an extremely popular program among students. There were approximately 105 student presenters evaluated at the 2004 meeting in Arcata. More than 130 students have requested evaluations at the 2005 meeting in Springfield. Elmer Finck will continue with the arduous task of assigning evaluators to each presentation and Brock McMillan will compile and send the evaluations back to the students.
- (2) “Breakfast with a Scientist” program is currently being organized by Christopher Bloch. The program is in its 11th year and continues to be popular among both students and scientists. We thank all the scientists who have participated in this program over the years. We encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity to spend time with participating scientists. Each year, members of the E&GS Committee nominate scientists to be part of the program but we welcome and encourage nominations from all ASM members, particularly students.
- (3) This is also the 11th year the Committee will sponsor a luncheon hosted by the President of the Society for Plenary Session speakers.
- (4) The Committee (responsible parties are Deidre Parish and Gregory Wilson) will host a workshop, entitled “Careers in Mammalogy”, at this year’s meeting in Springfield. The purpose of the workshop is to expose students to a variety of careers in the field of mammalogy. More specifically, students will receive information about opportunities, responsibilities, and requirements for various careers and strategies for obtaining jobs.
- (5) The committee also hosts an annual social for student attendees at the meeting. The social will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Jun 16th. The purpose of the mixer is to allow student attendees of the meeting to meet other students (future colleagues) and establish networks of collaboration and support. Jacob Goheen, Yeen Ten Hwang, and Ryan Rehmeier are organizing the mixer.

(6) Elmer Finck continues to coordinate the distribution of the “Careers in Mammalogy” brochure, “The Science of Mammalogy” brochure, and the general information brochure.

Action Items:

(1) The Education and Graduate Students Committee requests \$300 to 1) pay for the breakfast of scientists participating in the *Breakfast With a Scientist Program* that do not have the meal plan and 2) to cover the expenses of the Student Social/Mixer. This requested support has been provided for the past several years.

Respectfully submitted,

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