

Mammal Images Library Committee

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Mission:

The Mammal Images Library (MIL) maintains a collection currently totaling >1700 images of mammals representing >800 species. High-resolution images are available at a nominal charge for educational purposes. Most images in our collection may be used as illustrations for non-profit or commercial purposes depending on restrictions specified by contributors. Additional information about the MIL, including contact information for contributors, ordering information, and a complete listing of holdings, is available on the MIL section of the ASM web site at:

<http://www.mammalogy.org/imagelibrary/index.html>.

Information Items:

(1) The primary focus of the MIL Committee continues to be the sale of individual images and special series. In 2008, we shipped 16 digital images, a decrease from 2007. This total does not include low-resolution images downloaded directly from the MIL web site. A total of \$1280.00 in income was recorded from sales of images in 2008, up from the \$0 income for 2007. Expenses in 2008 totaled \$1368.13 for an asset change of +\$88.13. Our checking account balance as of 31 December 2008 was \$6418.77. A summary report for 2008 and signed copies of the Business Report were sent to the ASM Treasurer's Office.

(2) The MIL is digitized at a resolution of 4000 dpi. A lower-resolution (generally 450 x 300 pixels at 96 dpi) preview of each image, suitable for projection or web use, is available on the MIL web page.

(3) CDs containing the web-based version of the current library are mailed to Patron Members of the ASM. CDs are also available to Life Members upon request from the committee chair.

(4) Several requests were made by administrators of various websites for use of all MIL images. Most of these requests were denied due to varying use restrictions among images in the MIL collection.

(5) MIL finished reviewing images and updated nomenclature to match the 3rd edition of Wilson and Reeder (2005).

(6) Images donated by the Richard Van Gelder estate continue to be accessioned into the library.

(7) Many taxa could be better represented in the MIL. We encourage all interested parties to consider contributing their high-quality images to the MIL. Please take a few minutes to review our holdings on the web page to determine if some images from your personal collection could improve the scope and quality of the MIL. Anyone interested in submitting images should contact the committee chair.

(8) The grant program for educational institutions in developing countries is not currently serving as many people as was hoped. It is not known whether this is due to a lack of advertisement of its availability, or the increasing availability of digital images on the Internet. Ideas for improving the number of grant applications are requested from the general membership.

(9) The committee thanks Fort Hays State University for supporting the Business Office of the Mammal Images Library and for funding student support.

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,
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