

Mammal Images Library Committee

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Mission:

The Mammal Images Library (MIL) maintains a collection now totaling more than 1600 images of mammals representing about 800 species. High-resolution images are available at a nominal charge for educational purposes. Most images in our collection also may be used as illustrations for non-profit or commercial purposes depending on restrictions specified by contributors. Additional information about the Mammal Images Library, including contact information for contributors, ordering information, and a complete listing of holdings, is available in our catalog and on the ASM web site at: <http://www.mammalogy.org/imagelibrary/index.html>.

Information Items:

(1) The focus of the MIL committee continues to be the sale of individual images and special series. In 2005, we shipped a total of 183 images. This figure is a decrease from 2004, but does not include images downloaded from the ASM web site (see Information Item 2). Income from sales of images and catalogs in 2005 was \$566.65, a decrease of \$2,478.75 from total income for 2004. Expenses in 2005 totaled \$1,352.13 for an asset change of (\$785.48). Our checking balance as of 31 Dec 2005 was \$14,465.80. A summary report for 2005 and signed copies of the Business report were sent to the Treasurers office.

(2) Our library is now digitized at a resolution of 4000 dpi. A preview is available on the MIL web page. These images are free to download, and at 96 dpi are suitable for projection or web use. As of 1 May 2006, 153 images have been requested to be used from the website.

(3) We have purchased equipment to produce CDs containing the web-based version of the library for distribution to patron and life members. CDs will be mailed to patron members and sent to life members upon request.

(4) We are working on updating images with nomenclature to match Wilson and Reeder (2005).

(5) Many taxa are still absent or poorly represented in our library. We encourage all interested parties to look through our catalog or electronic listing and contribute your high quality images to the library. Persons interested in submitting images should contact the committee chair or Dr. Kristin Kramer.

(6) We received a generous donation of nine large boxes from the Richard Van Gelder estate and are in the process of accessioning the images.

(7) 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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