

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) An inspection of the mammal collection of The Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History has been initiated. A follow-up visit is being organized.
- (2) The mammal collection of the Peabody Museum of Natural History at Yale University is now accredited.
- (3) The Chair of the Systematic Collections Committee participated in writing a potential ASM resolution to urge the Convention on Biological Diversity's *ad hoc* Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing to support scientific exemptions for biological samples extracted purely for noncommercial, academic research and to exempt scientists from commercial applications developed from their published research.

Action Items: None.

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