

## 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) The committee was very active this past year and completed accreditations of six collections (two mammal collections and four genetic resources collections).

- a. **Angelo State Natural History Collection, Angelo State University**  
Reaccreditation of mammal collection and accreditation of genetic resources collection
- b. **Museo de Zoología, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador**  
Reaccreditation of mammal collection
- c. **Museum of Southwestern Biology, University of New Mexico**  
Accreditation of genetic resources collection
- d. **Natural Science Research Laboratory, Museum of Texas Tech University**  
Accreditation of genetic resources collection
- e. **Royal Ontario Museum**  
Accreditation of genetic resources collection

(2) Two other collections, Northern Michigan University and University of Oklahoma, Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History, have provided the committee with self-evaluation reports and requested accreditation visits. These are currently on hold due to COVID-19 quarantine issues.

(3) The ASM Curatorial Standards for Genetic Resources Collections was published in the 100<sup>th</sup> issue of the Journal of Mammalogy.

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(4) The committee anticipates conducting site visits for accreditation before the end of 2020 and requests a renewal of the \$2000 budget approved last year.

(5) Jon Dunnun has assumed the responsibilities of Chair of the committee from Robert Dowler as of the 2019 meeting.

(6) The committee welcomed six new members: Guillermo D’Elia, Kurt Galbreath, Andrea Wishart, Holly Lutz, Richard Stevens, and Darrin Lunde.

(7) We thank Kate Doyle who has served the committee and ASM for many years but has resigned from the committee in 2019.

**Action Items:**

(1) The Committee requests a continuation of an annual budget of \$2000 in 2021 to assist with travel costs for up to three site visits of mammal collections and genetic resources for the accreditation programs.

Proposed budget:	
Travel for 2 persons/site visit (airfare or car).....	\$1200
Hotel accommodations as needed.....	600
Food.....	<u>200</u>
Total .....	\$2000

**Respectfully submitted,**  
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