

Systematics Collections Committee

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Mission:

The Systematic Collections Committee advises curators worldwide in matters relating to collection administrations, 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) Designed and provided criteria for the *Journal of Mammalogy* to use for ensuring the listing of voucher specimens examined in articles published in the *Journal*.

(2) Continued an update of the ASM's Directory of Existing Mammal Collections in the Western Hemisphere. The most recent publication of this directory was in 1992, and many aspects of this valuable information source are now out of date. While gathering new data on these collections, the Committee also decided to explore the option of making this Directory available through the ASM website, to render this information both simple to access, and easy to update. A prototype of the web-based directory (as an Microsoft Excel file) is now in place, but is available only to members of the Systematic Collections Committee while editing is in progress.

(3) An accreditation review is scheduled in mid-May 2006, for the mammal collection at Illinois State University.

Action Items: None

Respectfully submitted,

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