

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 making individual images available. The table below compares the number of images sent and other information for the past six years. The numbers of images sent does not include those low-resolution images downloaded directly from the MIL website, of which we have no record. Signed copies of the 2010 business report were sent to the ASM treasurer.

Year	Images Sent	Gross Income	Expenses	Net Income	End of year account balance
2004	322	3045.40	2538.14	321.51	15,251.28
2005	183	566.65	1352.13	-785.48	14,465.80
2006	82	710.00	5975.59	-5265.59	9,200.21
2007	86	0.00	2693.31	-2693.31	6,506.90
2008	16	1280.00	1368.13	-88.13	6,418.77
2009	31	1503.05	25.00	1478.05	7,896.82
2010	18	469.00	0.00	469.00	8365.82

- (2) The MIL consists, at present, of images digitized from slides at a resolution of 4000 dpi. A lower-resolution of generally 700 x ca. 469 pixels at 300 dpi preview of each image, suitable for projection or web use, is available on the MIL web page free of charge and without requiring permission. A copy of the higher resolution image, with or without the label, is available upon request for most of the library, although we charge a royalty generally of \$50 each for commercial usage. We charge a \$3 handling fee for each high resolution image sent.

- (3) During 2010 the committee concentrated on updating the taxonomy and nomenclature of the library, based on Wilson and Reeder (2005) and rewriting its charge. The committee also began

transferring the library's archive from a simple document file format to a spreadsheet format to improve management of the library. Although the archival copy is now an electronic spreadsheet stored on the Chair's computer, all committee members get a copy. The spreadsheet was used to build the image library database for the new web site. All this work took considerable time on the part of many of the committee members.

(4) No new images were added to the library during 2010 because we wanted to wait until after we had updated the library. We have a number of potential contributions, some of which were donated more than five years ago, and expect to add them to the library during 2011.

(5) The MIL lacks images of two of the 28 orders, 32 of the 153 families, and ca. 82% of the 5,416 species recognized in Wilson and Reeder, 3rd. Ed. 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.

(7) The grant program for educational institutions in developing countries is not currently serving anyone. The committee intends to revisit this issue during 2011.

(8) 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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