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Bibliographic Database of Chelonian Literature Established

We have established a comprehensive bibliographic database of chelonian literature, encompassing references to tortoises, freshwater turtles, marine turtles, and turtle paleontology. Building on the tortoise bibliography published by Beaman, Burke, and Harpel-Burke (1989) in *The Conservation Biology of Tortoises* by Swingland and Klemens, we have expanded our format to include all chelonians, living and extinct. All references have been entered into a computerized searchable database, utilizing ProCite by Personal Bibliographic Software, Inc. In addition to the basic bibliographic information (Author, Date, Title, Citation), specific fields have also been created for cross-indexing of content matter, including: Taxonomic (Family), Taxonomic (species), Geographic Area, Subject (currently over 100 separate subject headings utilized), Language, and Remarks.

We are endeavoring to record all scientifically relevant turtle references from the very beginnings of natural history literature in the pre-Linnaean era up through the present. This has been an active process of data entry since the time of the last World Congress in Herpetology, and our current database stands at approximately 25,000 references. Much work remains to be accomplished to achieve the near-comprehensive database that we envision. On-line computer searching of recent Bio-Abstracts and Zoological Record has been undertaken, and on-line Wildlife Review has been accessed through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the New York Zoological Society. Pre-computerized Bio-Abstracts, Zoological Record, and Wildlife Review records have been searched and are in the process of being methodically completed.

In terms of publication of this database, we are hoping to publish hard-copy bound volumes of the alphabetically-sorted basic bibliographic data (author, date, title, citation), and a separate indexed listing, with available accompanying disks (IBM or Mac) containing the searchable database with full bibliographic data including all cross-indexed content fields. Our projected date of public availability of the database is during the first half of 1994.

With this announcement, we are issuing a call for help with the project from our readership and Specialist Group membership. We are interested in any and all references on turtles with scientific merit. This includes not only peer-reviewed major articles and notes from major journals, but also the vast body of gray conservation literature in the forms of reports and technical memoranda. Any references on tortoises, freshwater turtles, marine turtles, turtle paleontology, turtle archeology, turtle husbandry and captive care, etc., are all welcome. Our interests include not only the

traditional taxonomically- or conservation-oriented turtle literature, but also physiology, veterinary care, medical research, histology, anatomy, reproduction, genetics, biochemistry, parasitology, phylogenetics, ecology, demography, zoogeography, trade and exploitation, human use, vernacular names, etc. Any subject dealing with turtles is of interest and value. We are interested in receiving any bibliographic listings that any of you may have established, so that we can cross-check your lists against ours and add new references to the database. Actual reprints of articles, especially of your own work, would also be very welcome so that they can be thoroughly cross-indexed as well. Any help received will be given full credit in the ensuing published bibliography. We will be happy to go through rough lists or index cards, or whatever you have available. Computerized databases are also welcome in any format. We have the capability of handling either IBM or Macintosh, but prefer the latter. Please contact Rhodin directly if you are able and willing to help in any way.

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Chelonian Research Foundation Linnaeus Fund: 1992 Grant Recipients

The Chelonian Research Foundation (CRF), established as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit tax-exempt private operating foundation in May, 1992, has created a turtle research endowment fund named **The Linnaeus Fund** and invites the submission of chelonian research proposals for its **Annual Turtle Research Awards**. Named after the Swedish creator of binomial nomenclature, the Fund honors the first turtle taxonomist and father of all modern systematics.

In its first year, CRF awarded four grants of \$500 each on 16 December 1992. Awards granted were as follows:

FRYE, SHEILA E. Antioch New England Graduate School, Concord, New Hampshire. The ecology and natural history of the wood turtle (*Clemmys insculpta*) in southern New Hampshire.

JANZEN, FREDRIC J. University of California, Davis, California. Molecular systematics and evolution of sex-determining mechanisms in marsh turtles (*Clemmys*).

PERILLO, KATHY. University of New Haven, New Haven, Connecticut. Seasonal movements and habitat preference of spotted turtles (*Clemmys guttata*) in southern New England.

WEBB, ROBERT G. University of Texas, El Paso, Texas. Geographic variation in the giant softshell turtle, *Pelochelys bibroni* (Owen).

Linnaeus Fund awards are granted annually to individuals for specific turtle research projects, with either partial or

full support as funding allows. Priority is given to projects concerning freshwater turtles, but tortoise and marine turtle research proposals are also considered. Priority is given sequentially to the following general research areas: Taxonomy and Systematic Relationships, Distribution and Zoogeography, Morphology, Ecology and Natural History. Other topics may also be considered. Priority is given to projects that demonstrate potential relevance to the scientific basis and understanding of Chelonian Diversity and Conservation Biology. Award recipients agree to publish at least partial or summarized results of the supported research in a CRF-sponsored publication, such as *Chelonian Conservation and Biology*.

Awards for 1993 are also expected to be five hundred dollars each for four research proposals. We hope that, with time, there will be increased grant support as the endowment fund grows. The annual application deadline is usually November 15, but extended to December 5 this year, with disbursement prior to December 31. Submit applications in formal grant proposal format: title page, project objective, background and research rationale, methods, materials, total project expenses, funding requested from CRF, funding available or requested from other organizations, general timetable, bibliography, and curriculum vitae for all key personnel. Awards will be granted through a review process carried out by the Director and members of the Scientific Advisory Board of CRF. Submit applications to:

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Pathology of Reptiles and Amphibians 5th International Symposium

This successful series of colloquia, initiated by Prof. G. Matz, will be continued. The 5th International Symposium on Pathology of Reptiles and Amphibians will be held in Alphen aan de Rijn, The Netherlands, from 31 March to 2 April, 1995.

Based on previous experience, the colloquium intends to present recent developments in the broadest aspects of the field of pathological conditions of reptiles and amphibians. Preliminary observations are welcomed.

The congress will be held in the Dutch National Bird Park "AVIFAUNA". This park offers all facilities for a successful meeting. There are comfortable meeting rooms, 94 modern hotel rooms, 8 penthouses, and 2 luxury suites. Hotel guests have free admission to the bird park at all times. AVIFAUNA has ample parking space and is situated about 20 km from the Amsterdam airport and has good connections by road and by train. Participants in excess will be accommodated in the Van der Valk Hotel at Schiphol airport. There will be a shuttle to the congress center. Amsterdam and the bulb fields are within reach.

At this time, planned symposium costs can be given reasonably exactly (variation may depend on inflation):

Congress fee:	DM 275.—
This includes 1 social dinner evening, 1 dinner, 2 lunches, and the proceedings.	
Cost after 1 December 1994:	DM 325.—
After 1 February 1995:	DM 375.—
Accompanying persons:	DM 150.—
Hotel room rates at AVIFAUNA:	
Standard room 1 person	Hfl 85.—
Standard room 2 persons	Hfl 95.—
Room for 3 persons	Hfl 125.—
Penthouse (4 beds on 2 levels)	Hfl 150.—
Luxury suite (2 pers., jacuzzi)	Hfl 175.—
Breakfast p.p.	Hfl 10.—

The Symposium is being sponsored by Mumps Business & Veterinary Systems, Houten, Netherlands, and information may be obtained from:

Prof. Dr. P. ZWART, Burg. v.d. Weijerstraat 16, 3981 EK Bunnik, Netherlands

67th Meeting of the Species Survival Commission

This meeting will occur 15-17 January 1994 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, followed immediately by the XIX Session of the IUCN General Assembly from 18-26 January. For information, contact:

IUCN, Co-ordinator of the General Assembly, Rue Mauverney 28, CH-1196 Gland, Switzerland

Second World Congress of Herpetology

This meeting will occur from 29 December 1993 to 6 January 1994 at the University of Adelaide, South Australia, Australia. The scientific program will be organized around six themes: 1. Evolution, 2. Zoogeography, 3. Physiology, 4. Ecology, 5. Ethology, 6. Conservation and Captive Care. There will be 27 Symposia of invited papers, with up to 42 sessions of contributed papers plus poster sessions. The First World Congress of Herpetology was held 11-19 September 1989 at the University of Kent, Canterbury, United Kingdom, and brought together 917 delegates (1368 total persons, including honorary officers, special guests, and other officials) from 61 nations. For further information, please contact:

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