

### Chelonian Research Foundation Linnaeus Fund: 1993 Grant Recipients



Chelonian Research Foundation (CRF), established as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit tax-exempt private operating foundation in 1992, administers a turtle research endowment fund named **The Linnaeus Fund**, for which it 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.

For its second annual Linnaeus Fund selections, CRF awarded four grants of \$500 each on 26 December 1993. Awards granted were as follows:

BOUCHER, TIMOTHY P. Relationships between temperature and rainfall in the timing of spring emergence in the Eastern box turtle (*Terrapene carolina carolina*). George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia.

GRAHAM, TERRY E. An analysis of navigational cues and terrestrial migration of the Eastern long-necked turtle, *Chelodina longicollis*, from Jervis Bay Territory, coastal New South Wales, Australia. Worcester State College, Worcester, Massachusetts.

WILSON, DAWN S. Nesting ecology of the striped mud turtle, *Kinosternon baurii*, in a central Florida population. University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida.

WINOKUR, ROBERT M. Morphology and histology of the digestive system of the threatened desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizi*) with comparisons to other terrestrial chelonians. University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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

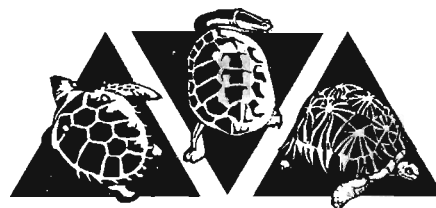
topics may also be considered. Priority is given to projects that demonstrate potential relevance to the scientific basis and understanding of Chelonian Diversity and Conservation Biology. Award recipients agree to publish at least partial or summarized results of the supported research in a CRF-sponsored publication, such as *Chelonian Conservation and Biology*.

Awards for 1994 are also expected to be \$500 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 November 15, 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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### International Congress of Chelonian Conservation

Gonfaron, France, 6-9 July 1995



### INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF CHELONIAN CONSERVATION

The Station d'Observation et de Protection des Tortues (SOPTOM) is pleased to announce that it will host an international conference focusing on chelonian conservation in Gonfaron, southern France (near Nice), in July 1995. SOPTOM's first congress (on chelonian pathology) in 1992 was attended by 140 specialists from 15 countries. Organizers are expecting a significantly expanded attendance at the 1995 symposium and are hoping to attract a diverse assemblage of turtle authorities to include field biologists, recovery program planners, taxonomists, geneticists, veterinarians, captive-breeding specialists, zoomen, reproductive physiologists, conservation center personnel, and di-