

## NEWS AND COMMENTS

### SOCIETY OF ETHNOBIOLOGY ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

Bob Bye, Chairman of the local committee for the 11th Annual Ethnobiology Conference has released a preliminary announcement of dates and arrangements for our next meeting to be held in Mexico City in March, 1988. This announcement of tentative plans and events (with a questionnaire so the committee can better know of your interests) was mailed in late May, 1987, to all members of the Society of Ethnobiology and to those on our supplemental mailing list. If you did not receive a copy, you can obtain one by writing to either Bob Bye or Jan Timbrook at the addresses given below. We give here an abbreviated version, without the questionnaire, of that announcement.

#### 11th Annual Ethnobiology Conference

LOCATION: Mexico City, MEXICO (Centro Interamericano de Estudios de Seguridad Social = CIESS)

DATES: Meetings: 17 - 19 March 1988  
Field Trips: 20 - 23 March 1988

PRINCIPAL HOST: Jardin Botanico, Instituto de Biologia, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico

REGISTRATION (non-Latin Americans): Regular - \$30 US dollars  
Students - \$20 US dollars

BANQUET: \$7 US dollars. Many regional dishes and various ethnobiological edibles and beverages, depending upon availability.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS: 2 full days / POSTER SESSIONS: 1 full day

ETHNOBIOLOGY BOOK FAIR (featuring Mexican publications)

#### FIELD TRIPS:

- 1—one day (20 March): \$10 US dollars  
(a—Teotihuacan (archaeological visit); b—Malinalco (archaeological visit); c—Milpa Alta (*Opuntia* cultivation))
- 2—three to four days (20 - 23 March): \$100-150 US dollars  
(a—Veracruz (contemporary ethnobotanical studies in humid tropical zone); b—Michoacan (contemporary ethnobiological studies in temperate zone; Purepecha of Patzcuaro); c—Tehuacan, Puebla (archaeological area of dry highlands); d—Sierra del Norte, Puebla (contemporary ethnobiological studies in temperate-subtropical zone).)

OTHER POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES: 1—Mercado Sonora (Mexico City) visit (medicinal plants); 2—Museum of Anthropology; 3—Templo Major and National Palace (murals of Diego Rivera)

HOUSING AND FOOD: During the three days of activities in Mexico City on site housing and food service is available at CIESS:

Room: \$7.50 US dollars per person per day  
Food: \$6 US dollars per person per day.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Taxi, collective and metro services are available at the airport to the University area. CIESS is located a few kilometers to the west of the University and scheduled transportation will be arranged for each day.

**LANGUAGE:** Papers, posters and "platicas" will be in Spanish and English. Simultaneous translation will be available in the main auditorium. Bilingual hosts will be available to groups of non-Spanish speaking ethnobiologists.

**TRAVEL:** All roads, railroads and air routes lead to, start from and end in Mexico City. Many North American and Mexican airlines have many flights arriving and leaving Mexico City throughout the day and night. There are some good bargains for people departing from certain major US cities and making reservations ahead of time.

**ENTRANCE INTO MEXICO:** Most US and Canadian citizens need only a proof of citizenship and a tourist card (available from tourist agencies) to enter Mexico. Naturalized citizens or citizens of other countries need to check specific requirements in advance.

Additional information can be obtained from: Robert Bye, Jardin Botanico, U.N.A.M., Apdo. Post. 70-614, 04510 Mexico, DF, MEXICO or Jan Timbrook, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 2559 Puesta del Sol Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93105 USA.

### **BARBARA LAWRENCE PRIZE ANNOUNCED**

The Society will award a prize in honor of Barbara Lawrence for the best paper submitted by a student for presentation at the 11th Annual Meeting. The competition is open to any member who considers themselves a student and has not held the PhD degree at the end of the preceding summer session. The paper can be presented in an oral or a poster session and will be considered for publication in the *Journal of Ethnobiology*.

Manuscripts submitted for this competition should be single authored only; joint efforts will not be considered. Manuscripts are judged solely on quality, originality, and presentation of research. They should follow the *Journal of Ethnobiology* format and should be sufficiently precise and documented to enable the reviewing committee to judge their merits. Manuscripts are limited to eight double-spaced, typed pages, including a required abstract but excluding copies of figures, tables, and references.

Please include a cover letter indicating that you are a Society member and meet the criteria listed above and send it and your paper early enough that they will arrive at their destination on or before December 1, 1987. Applicants from the USA and Canada may send material to the 11th Annual Conference Committee, c/o Jan Timbrook, Department of Anthropology, Santa Barbara Natural History Museum, 2559 Puesta del Sol Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93105, USA. Those from Mexico, other Latin American countries or elsewhere may also use this address or, if they prefer, may mail their material to the 11th Annual Conference Committee, c/o Dr. Robert A. Bye, Jr., Jardin Botanico, U.N.A.M., Apdo. Post. 70-614, 04510 Mexico, DF, MEXICO.

### **SOCIETY NEWS**

Steven D. Emslie, co-founder and past Secretary/Treasurer of the Society and *Journal of Ethnobiology*, was elected an honorary member of the Board of Trustees at the 10th Annual Conference, Gainesville, FL.