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78th Annual Meeting of NSA and SINA

The City of Seattle, Washington will be the site of the 78th joint convention of the National Shellfisheries Association and the Shellfish Institute of North America. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the Pacific Coast NSA and the Pacific Coast Oyster Grower's Association at the Crown Plaza Holiday Inn from Sunday, June 22 through Thursday, June 26, 1986. Room rates at the Crown Plaza will be \$70 for a single and \$80 for a double. "Concierge Suites" (includes complimentary continental breakfast, newspapers, fresh fruit, and other amenities) are available at \$90 for a single and \$100 for a double. Students will be housed, three to a (3-bed) room, for \$80. Several other hotels, the YMCA, and the YWCA are located within a 10-15 block area and can be reached by bus from the Hilton. Several fast food places are within walking distance of the Hilton and a hotel limousine is available to take registered guests to points of interest in downtown Seattle.

Social activities and registration details are now being planned and information will be included in a packet to be mailed by SINA in early March. Registration costs should be approximately the same as last year. The two main social functions will be the President's Reception on Sunday evening and a (Ken Chew-arranged) Chinese banquet on Tuesday night. Optional field trips, including one to Coast Oyster Hatchery, are planned for Wednesday. Members will receive additional information on field trips. Site and Registration Committee Chairman Ken Chew will be happy to answer any questions about the 1986 meeting. He can be reached at

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Seattle, WA 98195
(206) 543-4290

1986 CONVENTION: PROGRAM NOTES

John Manzi, Program Chairman for the 1986 meeting reports that two Special Sessions are being organized:

(1) The Impact of Spatial Variation on Recruitment of Commercially Important Decapods

Session Chairman: David Armstrong
School of Fisheries, WH-10
University of Washington
Seattle, WA 98195
(206) 543-6132

(2) Depuration: A North American Perspective

Session Chairman: Ray Rhodes
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P.O. Box 12559
Charleston, SC 29412
(803) 795-6350 ext. 292

Persons interested in participating in either of the Special Sessions are urged to contact the Session Chairman immediately. Suggestions for additional symposia should be sent to

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P.O. Box 12559
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Abstract forms are enclosed in this Newsletter. They must be completed and sent to John no later than April 1 along with a \$10 publication fee. Presentors should indicate, in the space provided on the bottom of the abstract form, whether he/she wishes to give an oral or a poster presentation or desires to be considered for the T.C. Nelson Award.

THURLOW C. NELSON AWARD

The Thurlow C. Nelson Award was instituted in 1962 in honor of Dr. Nelson, an NSA member and internationally recognized malacologist at Rutgers University. It has been given each year since for the best presentation at an NSA meeting by a "young investigator". In nearly all cases, the recipient has been a graduate student. The large number of high quality presentations at recent meetings has led to the institution of "Honorable Mention" citations in addition to the Nelson Award itself. The Award carries a 5-year membership (including the Journal of Shellfish Research) in NSA, while Honorable Mention recipients are given 2-year memberships.

At last year's meeting, the Nelson Award Committee (George Abbe, Mel Carriker, and Susan Ford) became concerned about multiple-authorship of papers being considered for the prize. It was difficult in a number of cases to decide what part the candidate had played in designing and conducting the research and in evaluating the results. The Committee is recommending that authorship of papers to be considered for the Nelson Award be limited to the individual student. The recommendation is not intended to discourage collaboration, and assistance by others may be acknowledged in the presentation. The NSA "paper" is only an oral presentation and a published abstract. Final publication, of course, can include any collaborators as authors.

PUBLICATION CHANGES IN THE JOURNAL OF SHELLFISH RESEARCH

Concern over delays in publication of the Journal of Shellfish Research has led the Publications Committee (Chairman: Rich Lutz; Members: Ed Cake, Bob Hillman, and Roger Mann) to implement a number of recommendations made at last year's Executive Committee meeting. One of these, contracting with a new printing company, has already lessened typesetting delays, according to Managing Editor Ed Cake. Ed is planning to mail Volumes 4 (1) and 4 (2) together in February. Volume 5 (1) is being typeset now and manuscripts for 5 (2) are being copy edited.

The Publications Committee is also looking into the feasibility of finding a commercial publishing company for the Journal. The Allen Press of Lawrence, Kansas, which publishes Estuaries and the Bulletin of Marine Science, is being considered.

Editor-in-Chief, Roger Mann now has a number of manuscripts submitted for future JSR issues, but reports that he must still reject a few immediately and about 50% after they have been returned by reviewers. All authors are urged to follow JSR format instructions listed on the inside back cover of all volumes and, more importantly, to circulate manuscripts "in house" for comments and criticism before submission to the Journal. Improperly or poorly written papers are a major source of publication delays.

Inquiries about JSR matters should be directed to one of the editors:

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Secretary-Treasurer Scott Siddall is preparing membership-renewal notices for all members. They will reflect the dues change approved by members at the 1986 meeting. Regular members will now pay \$18 per year ~~(\$20 for foreign members outside of Canada and Mexico)~~. A new category for student members will cost \$15 per year. The steps taken by the Publications Committee and outlined above are designed to ensure that members receive the Journal of Shellfish Research on time as they have been promised.

Ballots for the election of new NSA officers will be mailed to members in February. They should be marked and returned to President-Elect Bob Malouf (Marine Sciences Center, SUNY). Be on the lookout for the ballot and please vote when you receive it.

THE NATIONAL SHELLFISHERIES ASSOCIATION WANTS YOU !!

The National Shellfisheries Association (NSA) is an international organization of scientists, management officials and members of industry that is deeply concerned and dedicated to the formulation of ideas and promotion of knowledge pertinent to the biology, ecology, production, economics and management of shellfish resources. The Association has a membership of nearly 800 from all parts of the USA, Canada and 18 other nations; the Association strongly encourages graduate student's membership and participation.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

- Sponsors an annual scientific conference.
- Publishes the peer-reviewed *Journal of Shellfish Research*.
- Produces a Quarterly Newsletter.
- Interacts with other associations and industry.

WHAT CAN IT DO FOR YOU?

- You will meet kindred scientists, managers and industry officials at annual meetings.
- You will get peer review through presentation of papers at the annual meeting.
- If you are young, you will benefit from the experience of your elders.
- If you are an elder, you will be rejuvenated by the fresh ideas of youth.
- If you are a student, you will make most useful contacts for your job search.
- If you are a potential employer, you will meet promising young people.
- You will receive a scientific journal containing important research articles.
- You will receive a Quarterly Newsletter providing information on the Association and its activities, a book review section, information on other societies and their meetings, a job placement section, etc.

HOW TO JOIN

- Fill out and mail a copy of the application blank below. The dues are ONLY US \$18 per year (\$15 for students) and that includes the *Journal* and the Newsletter!

NATIONAL SHELLFISHERIES ASSOCIATION - APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name: _____ For the calendar year: _____ Date: _____

Mailing address: _____

Institution affiliation, if any: _____

Shellfishery interests: _____

Sponsor (NSA member): _____

Regular or student membership: _____

Student members only - advisor's signature REQUIRED: _____

Make cheques (MUST be drawn on a US bank) or international postal money orders for \$18 (\$15 for students with advisor's signature) payable to the National Shellfisheries Association and send to Scott E. Siddall, Secretary-Treasurer, Marine Sciences Research Center, State University of New York, Stony Brook, NY 11794-5000 USA.

At the 1985 meeting, a new system for rating Nelson Award candidates was instituted. Each student is scored from 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent) in 6 categories: scientific content, organization and clarity, enthusiasm, presentation, handling of questions, and quality of visual aids. The scientific content category is further divided into originality and importance so that it has twice the weight of the other categories. Students should also be aware that up to 2 points can be deducted from their total score should their talk run over the allotted time. The individual with the highest average score (for all judges) is named winner; honorable mention may go to competitors who, in the opinion of the judges, have scored sufficiently high. These criteria will be used in the 1986 judging and all candidates for the award should be aware of them.

SEWELL HOPKINS

Dr. Sewell H. Hopkins died November 15, 1984 at the age of 78. An honorary member of NSA and a native of Gloucester, Virginia, he held degrees from the College of William and Mary, Johns Hopkins University, and the University of Illinois. He was a biologist at the Virginia Fisheries Laboratory (now the Virginia Institute of Marine Science) in the mid 1940s when he worked on blue crab parasites. He later accepted a position at Texas A&M University where he retired as professor of biology in 1974. At Texas A&M, he worked on diseases of oysters and is especially remembered for his studies of the oyster pathogen Perkinsus marinus (Dermo). A scholarship fund in his memory has been established at Texas A&M (see the November, 1985 Newsletter for details or contact Dr. Sammy Ray, Texas A&M University. 409-766-3200).

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT FOR STUDENTS

Horn Point Laboratories, a research facility of the University of Maryland located on Chesapeake Bay, seeks applications from qualified undergraduates for summer employment from approximately June 1 - August 23, 1986. Work involves participation in research programs in the areas of estuarine and environmental sciences and provides excellent experience for science majors. Primary emphasis is placed on supervised research. Stipends begin at \$140 per week. Dorm facilities are available. For more information and application forms, please contact Director, Summer Program, Box 775, Cambridge, MD 21613. (301) 228-8200. Applications are due by March 21, 1986.

Rutgers Shellfish Research Laboratory seeks applications from interested undergraduate and graduate students for summer employment at our Delaware Bay Laboratories at Bivalve and Cape Shore, New Jersey. Employment will be from about June 1 to August 30, 1986. Work is field oriented, but involves laboratory analyses and includes a variety of marine and estuarine research projects. Boat experience is preferred but not necessary. Individual projects and work-study are encouraged. Salary is \$140 per week and dormitory space is provided at no charge. Please contact Eric Wagner, Rutgers Shellfish Research Laboratory, Box 687, Port Norris, NJ 08349. (609) 785-0074.

SUMMER STUDY ABROAD

The University of Southwest Louisiana will offer summer courses in Marine Science and Marine Zoology in 1986 at the University of Toulon on the Mediterranean coast of France. Courses are taught in English and last for six weeks between June 2 and July 12. Class size is limited to 15 students. Tuition, housing, and meals are included in the \$2080 fee (approximate), but air fare and ground transportation are extra. For more information, please contact Dr. Franz Amelinckx, Department of Foreign Languages, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, LA 70504, (318) 231-6811. Deadline for application is March 1, 1986.