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NEXT MEETING: Pinnixa Workshop

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Debbie Zmarzly, Biology Laboratory,
Point Loma/City of San Diego

DATE: Monday, July 10, 1989, 9:30 AM

LOCATION: San Diego Natural History Museum
(El Prado in Balboa Park)
P.O. Box 1390
San Diego, CA 92112

MINUTES FROM MEETING ON JUNE 5-7, 1989

Dr. J.L. Barnard, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, presented his fifth annual amphipod workshop for SCAMIT. The first day began with a bird-watching excursion to Upper Newport Bay, which was followed by videotape viewing of gammarids at Cabrillo Marine Museum. The next two days of the workshop were held at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History, and consisted of the examination and identification of problematic gammarid species.

Don Cadien, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, distributed a list of provisional amphipod taxa from California and a handout entitled "Comments on the Isaeidae of Western North America".

Dr. Barnard announced that work on the catalog of southern California amphipods is delayed because Jan Clark is no longer working on the project. Elizabeth Harrison-Nelson, Dr. Barnard's new museum technician, will help complete the atlas. The world monograph, including keys to the gammarid genera and a list of all species of each genus, authored by J.L. Barnard, has been sent to Jim Lowry to be published by the Records of the Australian Museum.

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Jim Lowry is completing a manuscript on the revision of the genera of the Lysianassidae. It includes the descriptions of the type-species of each genus, and a cladistic analysis of the lysianassids.

The notes on the 1989 Barnard/amphipod workshop, written by Don Cadien, Mas Dojiri, and Ann Martin, will be available from Mas in the near future. These notes will be sent to the participants of the workshop, but other SCAMIT members must telephone or send a written request to:

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Biology Laboratory
Hyperion Treatment Plant
12000 Vista del Mar
Playa del Rey CA 90293
(213) 648-5193

Request for Pinnixa specimens: Dr. Debbie Zmarzly requests that the participants in next months workshop bring all their nominal species of Pinnixa with them. The workshop will consist of a round-table discussion of this decapod genus, and examination of specimens from the various participants.

7th Annual SCAMIT Picnic: All SCAMIT members are invited to attend the picnic to be held at Doheny Beach on Saturday, 19 August. Larry Lovell, the vice-president of SCAMIT and picnic chairman, is planning this extravaganza. Details of the event and a map to the site will be provided in the next newsletter. Let's all attend so that we can have a great time, eat some good food, and spank some volleyballs. Mark it on your calendar!