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Marine Invertebrate Taxonomists**

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NEXT MEETING: Tharyx
GUEST SPEAKER: Tony Phillips, City of Los Angeles
DATE: Monday, April 15, 1991, 9:30 A.M.
LOCATION: Allan Hancock Foundation, Room 30
University of Southern California

MINUTES FROM MEETING ON March 11, 1991

Paul Scott, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, hosted this month's SCAMIT meeting covering the Nuculanidae of southern California. The meeting provided an excellent opportunity to describe some of the characters commonly used to identify nuculanids. Paul also discussed some of the inappropriate characters, including tooth counts and shell shape. Tooth counts are a function of size, and shell shape can be quite variable due to substrate type.

A partial checklist of southern California Nuculanoidea and voucher sheets for 8 species of Nuculana will be included in a future SCAMIT newsletter.

Malacological Meetings: The American Malacological Union and the Western Society of Malacologists will have a combined meeting June 30 - July 5, 1991 at the Clark Kerr Campus, University of California, Berkeley. The announcement has been included in this newsletter.

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May SCAMIT Meeting: The SCAMIT meeting scheduled for May will be hosted by Bill Banta. The subject of the two-day workshop will be the Bryozoans. The meeting has been scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, May 13 and 14, 1991, following the southern California Academy of Sciences meetings on Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11.

SCAMIT Elections: It's that time of year again to choose the SCAMIT officers for the 1991-1992 year. The following members have accepted the nominations for the each of the offices.

President	Ron Velarde
Vice-President	Larry Lovell
Secretary	Kelvin Barwick
Treasurer	Ann Martin

The ballots are included in this newsletter. Return your ballot to the Vice-President, Larry Lovell by April 15, 1991.

Next Year's Agenda: If you have any suggestions for topics or workshops for the 1991 - 1992 SCAMIT meetings, please submit them via the enclosed ballot to the vice-president by April 15, 1991. The executive committee will be scheduling speakers for next year very soon.

Discovery Reports: Enclosed within this newsletter is an order form for acquiring reports from the Discovery Expeditions. The report consists of 187 papers in 37 volumes published between 1929 and 1980. To order, write to Pauline Simpson at the following address:

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Candidate Biographies

PRESIDENT

Ron Velarde

Ron is the current SCAMIT President and past Vice-President; he is a marine biologist with the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Facility (City of San Diego) where he has worked since 1983. His taxonomic interests include polychaetes, particularly syllids, and nudibranch molluscs. He earned his B.S. degree in Marine Biology from California State University, Long Beach, in 1976, and did post-graduate research on the systematics and ecology of autolytid polychaetes.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Larry Lovell

Larry is currently a private consultant and Vice-President of SCAMIT. Prior to his independent status, he was employed at Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Facility (City of San Diego). He also worked for MEC Analytical Systems for 12 years serving as lab supervisor since 1983. He worked under the guidance of Dr. Kristian Fauchald in the Worm Room at the Allan Hancock Foundation in 1975 and 1976 on the BLM project. He earned his B.S. in Biology from the University of South Carolina in 1973. His primary taxonomic interest is with the polychaetes, particularly paraonids, but is also working with other taxa.

SECRETARY

Kelvin Barwick

Kelvin graduated from Texas A&M University in 1983 with a B.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences. He worked for a private consulting firm in Texas for two years as a marine invertebrate taxonomist. He also worked at MEC Analytical Systems Inc. of Carlsbad, California for two and one half years, where he specialized in molluscan taxonomy. He is presently working for the City of San Diego as a Marine Biologist. His main interest is in molluscan taxonomy.

TREASURER

Ann Martin

Ann presently is the Treasurer for SCAMIT and has held this position since SCAMIT was founded. Ann is a member of the water biologist staff at the Hyperion Treatment Plant where she



specializes in the identification of polychaetes and amphipod crustaceans. Prior to working at Hyperion, Ann was a member of the laboratory staff at the County Sanitation Districts of Orange County. She worked there for nearly 10 years, reaching a position of senior laboratory and research analyst. She received her B.S. from California State University, Long Beach in Marine Biology in 1974 and her M.S. from the same university in 1982. Her thesis research pertained to polychaete bioassays.

Ballot for 1991-1992 Officers
(Vote for one nominee per office)

President - The president presides at all meetings and represents SCAMIT in external business affairs.

_____ Ron Velarde

_____ Write-in:

Vice-President - The Vice-President chairs ad hoc committees, supervises the specimen exchange, tabulates election ballots, edits the newsletter, and fills in for the President as necessary.

_____ Larry Lovell

_____ Write-in:

Secretary - The Secretary keeps minutes of the meetings, is responsible for the newsletter, and mailing of ballots.

_____ Kelvin Barwick

_____ Write-in:

Treasurer - The Treasurer collects dues, makes disbursements, keeps financial records, and makes an annual statement of the financial status of SCAMIT.

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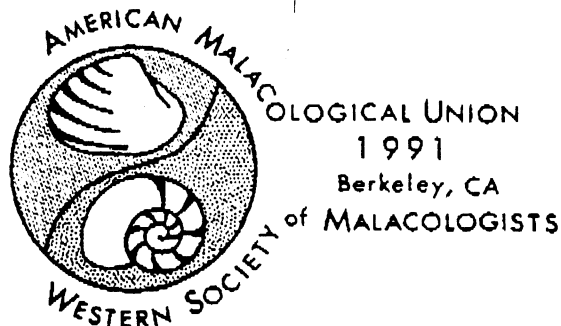
1991-1992 SCAMIT MEETING TOPICS

Please suggest any topics you deem worthy of a SCAMIT meeting.

* You may vote by mailing your ballot to Larry Lovell at the following address by April 15, 1991.

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**57TH ANNUAL MEETING
THE AMERICAN MALACOLOGICAL UNION
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA
JUNE 30 - JULY 5, 1991**

The 57th annual meeting of the American Malacological Union will be a combined meeting with the Western Society of Malacologists, held June 30 - July 5, 1989 at the Clark Kerr Campus of the University of California, Berkeley. The conference center provides a comfortable and convenient complex of meeting facilities, adjacent dining facilities, and guest accommodations in a Spanish style complex separated by lawns, enclosed gardens and courtyards. The Campus is nestled into 43 acres overlooking San Francisco Bay and stretching upward into the Berkeley Hills.

The conference center will offer a special package of meals and accommodations, in a combination of residence halls and suites. A variety of hotel and motel housing will be available to those who wish to stay off campus. The Bay Area is filled with diverse cultural and natural history attractions as well as recreational and sight-seeing opportunities. It is famous for its restaurants and fine cuisine. Berkeley summers are free of rain and are regularly cooled (sometimes chilled) by the renowned San Francisco Fog.

Three symposia are planned:

**MARINE BIVALVE RESEARCH IN THE NEXT CENTURY,
A REVIEW OF THE CURRENT STATE OF OUR KNOWLEDGE AND DIRECTIONS FOR THE FUTURE**
(Organized by Drs. Paul H. Scott, Brian Morton, and Eugene V. Coan)

MOLLUSCAN TAPHONOMY AND PALEOECOLOGY
(Organized by Drs. Carole S. Hickman and Michael P. Russell)


MOLLUSCAN BIOGEOGRAPHY OF THE PACIFIC BASIN
(Organized by Drs. David R. Lindberg and Geerat J. Vermeij)

In addition to the symposia, contributed papers, and poster presentations, scheduled events will include field trips, an outdoor barbecue, a joint AMU/WSM auction, a dessert reception at the Museum of Paleontology, and a 4th of July Banquet in the Great Hall of the Faculty Club. Fossil and Recent mollusk collections in the University of California Museum of Paleontology and the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco will be available to meeting participants before, during, and after the meeting.

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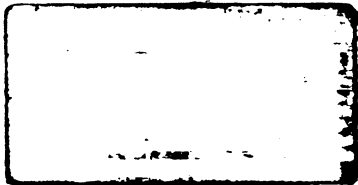


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