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Future A.A.S. Annual Meeting Sites

2003—Denver Museum of Nature
and Science, 24 → 28 July
2004— 23 → 27 June, Norman,
Oklahoma
2005— Hiram, Ohio

A.A.S. Election—2003

Please watch your mailbox... Your ballot for the 2003 A.A.S. election is arriving soon. We select a new President-Elect, so be sure to mark your choices and send your ballot.

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2003 A.A.S. Annual Meeting

Denver Museum of Nature & Science
Denver, Colorado

Thursday 24 July – Monday 28 July

Hosted by Dr. Paula E. Cushing

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Travel Info: If arriving by air, fly into Denver International Airport, not Colorado Springs. At the airport, go to the baggage claim area and look for door 508 on the West side. Proceed outside to the third island. You will see a large 24-passenger van marked "Doubletree Hotel Denver, Red Lion Hotel Denver Central." This van swings by for pick-up every 20 minutes from 5:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. You will need to flag the driver down as they are not allowed to stop and wait for passengers due to new security at the airport. The hotel is the Red Lion Hotel at 4040 Quebec. If you are arriving late at night or are staying elsewhere, e-mail Paula at PCushing@dmns.org to arrange for pick-up and transportation to your lodgings. If ar-

riding by car, log onto mapblast (<http://mappoint.msn.com>) to get driving directions or contact the host for directions to the hotel (but keep in mind that the host has no sense of direction so you may end up in Wyoming, Montana, or Kansas instead).

Housing: Red Lion Hotel (\$67/double occupancy including room tax). Up to 4 per room if they are good friends (only two double beds per room). \$15/night extra for cots.

Red Lion Hotel offers free evening shuttle service to downtown Denver; daily shuttle service to and from the museum will be provided.

Food: Breakfasts at the Red Lion. Lunch at the museum ranges from \$3 for a sandwich to \$7 for a hot meal; Dinner off site or at hotel unless otherwise noted.

Paper & Poster Sessions: The oral sessions will be in Ricketson Auditorium at the museum and the posters in the southeast atrium of the museum. Posters will go up Friday and be taken down Sunday evening.

Socials & Events:

Thursday evening social at the hotel

Friday evening tour of Tropical Discovery Center - Denver Zoo

Saturday evening AAS banquet and auction at the museum

Sunday afternoon announcement of student paper awards at the society business meeting

Sunday afternoon behind-the-scenes tour of the arthropod collections and maybe also the paleontology collections.

Sunday evening Casual Evening with Arachnids informal presentations at the museum (open to the public)

Field Trips & Other Excursions:

Spouse/family trips Friday, Saturday, and/or Sunday to various tourist locations such as Golden and Coors brewery, Idaho Springs and a gold mine tour, or Colorado Springs and a trip up Pikes Peak. Contact Nina Shilodon for more information at Shilodon@viawest.net or (303) 271-1065 (push the # key to bypass message options).

Collecting trip to alpine and foothills site departs early morning Monday, returning Monday early evening. You will spend the early part of the day in the alpine and spend the afternoon at a foothills site.

Collecting trip to the great plains and foothills sites departs early morning Monday, returning Monday early evening. You will spend the early part of the day at a great plains site with the option of spending the afternoon in the foothills.

Two day collecting trip to Green River fossil site. This trip departs early morning on Monday to return late evening Tuesday. This is an excellent fossil collecting site by all accounts. Contact April Kinchloe for more information and to indicate your interest at scarab_AK@hotmail.com. Please let April know if you need to borrow camping equipment (tents, sleeping bags).

Tee Shirts: The official and unofficial tee shirt designs can be viewed later in this newsletter.

Itinerary for the 27th

American Arachnological Society Annual Meeting

Thursday, 24 July: arrival and registration at the Red Lion Hotel, 4040 Quebec, Denver

5 p.m.–7 p.m. Executive Committee meeting at the museum*

*EC members arriving after 5 but before 7 p.m. contact Paula when you arrive at the hotel or take a shuttle from the airport directly to the museum at 2001 Colorado Blvd.

5 p.m. – 9 p.m. social at the Red Lion Hotel

Friday, 25 July:

8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Welcome and announcements by Richard Stucky, Vice President of Programs and Paula Cushing

8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Paper sessions in Ricketson Auditorium

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Catered coffee/pastry break in Harry T. Community room, 3rd floor

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Paper sessions in Ricketson Auditorium

12:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch in T-Rex or Deli or off-site

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Poster session in southeast atrium

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Catered coffee/pastry break in Harry T. Community room, 3rd floor

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Paper sessions in Ricketson Auditorium

4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Announcements

4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Group photo west side of museum

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Tour of Tropical Discovery Center at the Denver Zoo with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar (\$5/person)

Saturday, 26 July:

8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Paper sessions in Ricketson Auditorium

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Catered coffee/pastry break in Harry T. Community room, 3rd floor

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Paper sessions in Ricketson Auditorium

12:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch in T-Rex or Deli or off-site

1:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Paper sessions in Ricketson Auditorium

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Catered coffee/pastry break in Harry T. Community room, 3rd floor

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Paper sessions in Ricketson Auditorium

4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Announcements

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Catered banquet in southeast atrium and AAS auction (G. Uetz, auctioneer extraordinaire)

Sunday, 27 July:

8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Paper sessions in Ricketson Auditorium

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Catered coffee/pastry break in Harry T. Community room, 3rd floor

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Remaining Paper session in Ricketson Auditorium & announcements

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch in T-Rex or Deli or off-site

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Announcement of student awards and society Business Meeting Ricketson Auditorium*

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Tour of Collections

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Casual Evening with Arachnids informal slide presentations and videos

*depending on the number of oral presentations, paper session may be extended into early afternoon and student paper award announcement and business meeting delayed.

Monday, 28 July: 8:00 a.m. All-day field trip into the mountains (alpine) and foothills or to great plains and foothills sites or departure to Green River fossil site (two-day trip)

2003 Meeting of the American Arachnological Society

Denver Museum of Nature and Science (DMNS)

host: Paula E. Cushing (PCushing@dmns.org)

Denver, Colorado, July 24 - 28, 2003

This form can be used for registration or you can register online at

HTTP://WWW.AMERICANARACHNOLOGY.ORG (you can also pay online through paypal). Registration and abstract submission through the website is preferred but not required!

Deadlines:

1 June 2003 for early bird registrants who wish to be included in an early bird raffle (prizes are either a meeting tee shirt or IMAX movie tickets for the DMNS theater). You must both register and pay by June 1st to be entered in the raffle.

15 June 2003 regular registration and abstract submission deadline. After 15 June, a \$30 late fee will be charged and you must contact the host for permission to present a paper or poster.

Personal Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Affiliation (CSS participants, please put CSS): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Country: _____ Zip code/country code: _____

e-mail: _____ Phone & FAX: _____

Registration Fees - please check one

Make checks payable to Paula Cushing or pay online through paypal (URL above)

_____ AAS Member (\$70)

_____ non-AAS member (\$95)

_____ AAS student member (\$45)

_____ non-AAS student (\$55)

_____ non-AAS CSS participant (you must have taken either a CSS workshop or a spider biology class from Cushing) (\$85)

_____ AAS member & CSS participant (\$45)

_____ non-participant (taking part in breaks and socials) (\$35)

Please add a \$30 late registration fee if registering after 15 June 2003

Special Events (please check all those events you plan to attend and include fees if relevant)

- ____ Friday evening social (25 July) at Tropical Discover at the Denver Zoo (\$5)
- ____ Saturday evening (26 July) banquet and auction at the DMNS (\$25; students \$20)
- ____ Monday (28 July) all day field trip to the great plains & foothills (\$15)
- ____ Monday (28 July) all day field trip to alpine & foothills (\$15)
- ____ Monday – Tuesday (28 – 29 July) two day field trip to fossil collecting site* (\$40)

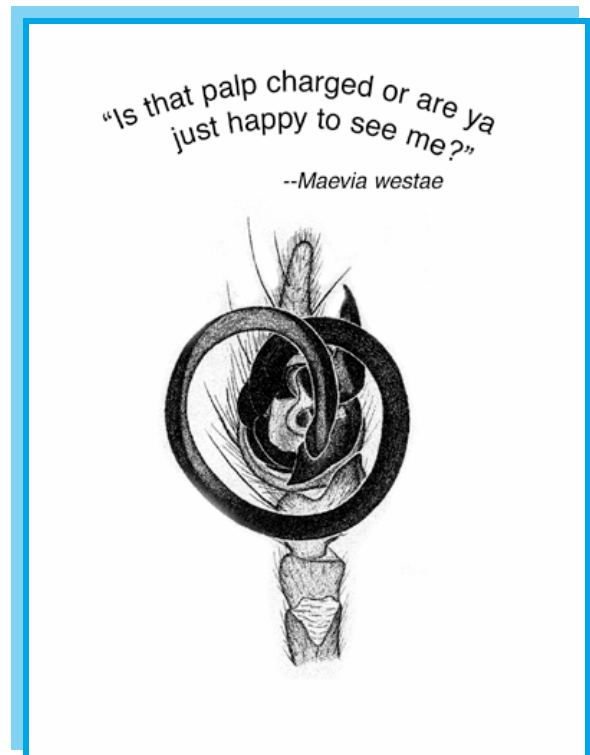
*contact April Kinchloe at **SCARAB_AK@HOTMAIL.COM** for details about this trip.

Photo & Shirts (shirt designs below)

____ Group photo (\$10)

Number of black widow shirts (\$14 each): ____ Small; ____ Medium; ____ Large; ____
X-Large; ____ Other (indicate size)_____

Number of pedipalp shirts (\$14 each):): ____ Small; ____ Medium; ____ Large; ____
X-Large; ____ Other (indicate size)_____



Housing:

Meeting participants will be housed at the Red Lion Hotel at 4040 Quebec about 2 miles from the museum and about 5 miles from the center of Denver. The website for the hotel is <http://www.redlion.com>. The hotel and the museum will provide shuttles between the hotel and the museum every day. The hotel provides a free evening shuttle to downtown Denver every evening. A block of rooms has been reserved for meeting participants at a rate of \$67 per night including all taxes (\$59 base room rate).

Each room has two double beds. Up to four (friendly) people can stay in each room. If you would like a roommate, e-mail Paula at PCushing@dmns.org or check below. If you want a bedmate, that's up to you to arrange. Paula will forward the names and contact e-mails of potential roommates to all concerned parties. It will be up to meeting participants to arrange for roommates and to reserve their rooms directly with the hotel.

Call 1-800-733-5466 or 303-321-6666 to reserve your hotel rooms. When you call, tell them you are with the Denver Museum of Nature & Science American Arachnological Society Meeting. E-mail Chris Parsons if you have any questions or difficulties during registration at Chris_Parsons@hilton.com.

_____ Check here if you need us to find you a roommate to reduce costs.

Meals

Breakfasts can be purchased at the hotel for between \$5 – 10. Light refreshments will be served during the morning breaks. DMNS has an onsite deli and cafeteria where lunches can be purchased for \$2 - \$7. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at the zoo during the Friday evening Tropical Discovery tour. A restaurant guide will be included in the registration packet.

Miscellaneous

Auction Items: Comb your closets like a theridiid for all those arachno-items you want to get rid of and send them to Paula (address below) for the annual arachno-auction (during the banquet). If you plan to bring items instead of mailing them in advance, please let Paula know how many and what items you plan to bring.

Reprints: Do you have stacks of old reprints cluttering your office shelves? Bring them to the meeting to exchange with colleagues. We will have a room available during the meeting where reprints will be available for exchange.

AAAFF: The Arachnological Association for the Absorption of Federal Funds (AAAFF) has been resurrected! Please indicate whether you have a AAAFF presentation for the meeting.

_____ Check here if you have a presentation.

Presenters Name: _____

Title: _____

Abstract: no more than 100 words. Please send as either 1) an e-mail attachment, 2) on diskette, or 3) on a separate sheet of paper with your registration).

Casual Night with Arachnids: The traditional informal presentations will be held on Sunday evening (27 July) from 7 - 9 p.m. In the past, these presentations have been free-form. This year, we are going to impose a time limit of no more than 15 minutes. Please indicate below whether you plan to give a presentation. We are opening this "Casual Evening With Arachnids" up to museum members and the general public. Therefore, please expect a few non-arachnologists in the audience and be prepared to include more background information or explanatory information in your presentation than you might have otherwise included.

_____ Check here if you have a presentation (no abstract necessary).

Presenters Name: _____

Title: _____

Spouse/Family trips: Contact Nina Shilodon at shilodon@viawest.net or (303) 271-1065 (push the # key to bypass message options) to get a list of possible trips & activities and to make arrangements. Please contact Nina by June 15th so she has an idea how many people are interested in these outings and activities.

Payment Totals

Registration Fees: _____

Special Events: _____

Photo & Shirts: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Please make your check payable to Paula Cushing and indicate in the Subject Field "AAS Meeting" or pay and/or register online through PayPal at

[HTTP://WWW.AMERICANARACHNOLOGY.ORG](http://www.americanarachnology.org)

Send registration form and payment to:

Paula Cushing
Department of Zoology
Denver Museum of Nature and Science
2001 Colorado Blvd.
Denver, CO 80205-5798 USA

All payments must be received by 15 June 2003 to avoid the late registration fee.

Please see next page for abstract submission.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Abstract Submission

Type of presentation:

- Oral (15 min total incl. questions)
- Poster*
- Sociality Symposium paper**
- AAFF (enter details above)
- Casual presentation for Sunday (enter details above)
- Not presenting

*Posters must fit in a space absolutely no more than **3 ft X 4 ft**.

**Sociality Symposium talks are 18 min total (incl. questions). If you are interested in presenting a talk as part of this symposium, you must first contact Linda Rayor (lrs1@cornell.edu). Students who wish to be included in this symposium and who also wish to be included in the student presentation competition (see below) must give a standard 15 minute talk rather than the longer talk.

Check here if you would like to be considered for the student competition. This is open to any student who has not previously won the student competition.

Note to CSS participants: If you are interested in presenting a poster, please contact Paula to discuss your poster prior to June 15th. CSS participants may not give a formal oral presentation but may give a presentation during the Casual Evening with Arachnids.

Note to All: To avoid concurrent sessions, attendees may present either an oral paper or a poster. You can be a co-author on more than one talk or poster but can only be the presenter for one. However, you can give one formal presentation as well as a AAFF and/or a Casual (Sunday) presentation.

Circle the category below that best describes your formal presentation:

Anatomy/Physiology

Behavior

Evolution

Ecology

Systematics/Taxonomy

Presenter's Name:- _____

Presenter's e-mail: _____

Title of oral presentation or poster: _____

First author's name: _____

Institution: _____

Second author's name: _____

Institution: _____

Third author's name: _____

Institution: _____

Abstracts should be no more than 250 words. Presentation title, authors' names and institutions are not included in the word count. Do not include your full address.

Please indicate below how your abstract is/was sent:

_____ Abstract e-mailed as an attachment (in Word) to PCushing@dmns.org

_____ Abstract on 3.5" diskette (PC formatted) included

_____ Abstract submitted online at <http://www.americanarachnology.org>

_____ Paper copy of abstract included

Check all audio visual needs for your presentation:

_____ Powerpoint

_____ slide projector

_____ overhead projector

_____ VCR

_____ Other: please describe _____

STUDENT PAPER PRESENTATION AWARD GUIDELINES

I. ELIGIBILITY

- A. The student should submit a copy of the paper's abstract* to the meeting organizer by the specified deadline (15 June, 2003). A letter containing a statement from the student's major professor or supervisor indicating the extent to which the work was independently developed and executed by the student also must be sent to the meeting host**. The name and mailing address of the Meeting Host are:

Dr. Paula E. Cushing

**Curator of Entomology & Arachnology, Zoology Department
Denver Museum of Nature and Science**

2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205-5798 USA

PCushing@dmns.org; Phone:(303)-370-6442; FAX:(303)-331-6492

*The abstract may be submitted via the A.A.S. Website

**The letter should be sent either electronically or by post to the host

- B. The presentation either represents independent or joint research in which the student's contribution has been substantial. In case of a co-authored paper the student presenting the paper must be first author.

C. Entry is limited to one standard research paper per meeting.

D. Previous winners of the Student Paper award are not eligible.

II. JUDGES

A. A panel of three judges will be appointed by the President-Elect before the meeting. The abstracts of all student papers and a copy of the judging guidelines will be mailed to each judge prior to the meeting. An appropriate number of evaluation sheets (listing the criteria as below) shall accompany the abstract package for each judge. Judges will be chosen from different disciplines (systematics, morphology, physiology, ecology, behavior).

B. Efforts should be made to avoid bias or conflict of interest in judging, either by appointing judges with no students in the competition or, if that is unavoidable, by having judges abstain from voting on their own students.

C. Judges should meet twice: once before the paper presentation to review the guidelines and once afterward to make a decision on ranking.

D. At least one hour should be available between the last eligible presentation and the scheduled announcement of the award.

III. EVALUATION

A. Judges should rate presentations as "Outstanding, Good, Adequate, or Poor" based on the criteria listed below. In co-authored papers, the judges will carefully evaluate the student's contribution to the presented research. In case of a tie or very close ranking, the judges may decide on a joint award.

B. Scientific Criteria

1. Introduction:

- Was there a clear introduction to the research problem?
- Was the importance of the research question explained? Why was the work done?
- Did the speaker provide a background and context for the research? What was the state of the field prior to this study? A review of the entire field is not necessary, but the speaker must provide a reference framework in which to assess the work.
- Was a clear statement of the hypothesis(es) provided?

2. Methods:

- Was there a clear explanation of the techniques used in the project?
- How creative was the work? If the presentation involved techniques commonly used by the advisor, did the student utilize the technique to approach novel issues or novel questions?

3. Results:

- Were the results of the study a valuable contribution to the field? Was the significance of the results clearly demonstrated? Could the student convince the audience they should care about their results?!
- Were the experiments or results approached from several perspectives?

4. Discussion & Conclusions:

- Were the results well summarized and placed in context relative to the introduction?
- How sound were the conclusions?
- Did the student extend the work beyond other projects associated with their advisor, or was it simply a minor increment of similar work?
- Was the research sufficiently independent, unique, or creative?
- Were the conclusions put in a broader context extending the value of the work beyond a small area in arachnology to better understanding within the field of systematics/ behavior/ ecology/ etc?

5. Presentation Style and Logistics (oral):

- Did the speaker speak clearly and logically or was the organization of the talk confused and disorganized? Did the speaker communicate clearly and easily? Was eye contact made with the audience, or was the paper simply read from notes or the screen?
- Were the graphics lucid? Were all of the figures intelligible with axes clearly labeled? Were tables broken into decipherable segments? Did the student clearly put effort into making the graphics used for the talk self-explanatory or informative?
- Were the techniques used explained with a minimal use of specialist jargon so that a non-specialist or non-scientist could understand how the project was done?
- Did the student project a professional demeanor, or were unnecessary 'humor', inappropriate references, or excessive excuses made?
- How poised was the speaker? Was the presentation "timed" correctly?
- How well did the speaker respond to questions?

6. Presentation Style and logistics (poster):

- Was the poster clearly organized and well planned or was it clearly done at the last minute?
- Were the graphics lucid? Were all of the figures intelligible with axes clearly labeled? Were tables broken into decipherable segments? Were the text, tables, and graphics self-explanatory or informative?
- Were the techniques used clearly explained with a minimal use of specialist jargon, such that a non-specialist or non-scientist could understand how the project was done?
- Was the poster clearly arranged such that there was minimal text for maximal effect? Were the visuals used appropriate for the point being made?
- How well did the presenter respond to questions?

IV. ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES

Traditionally, the award is announced at the society's banquet. However, this year awards will be announced at the society business meeting on Sunday. We are trying

out this new venue for student award announcements as an incentive for more student involvement with the "inner workings" of the Society. Students are strongly encouraged to attend the banquet as well since this is an ideal setting to "schmooze" with established arachnologists and to see George Uetz, auctioneer extraordinaire, and his minions, at their best.

V. AWARDS

The top ranking and runner-up individuals traditionally receive a monetary award. Other awards vary according to donations and other philanthropy.

SAMPLE JUDGING SHEET

Name of Student: _____

Co-authors: _____

Title of Paper: _____

OVERALL RATING - _____

Scientific criteria:

- Clarity of Introduction; background & context.
- Abstract; summarize main results of research?
- Scope of research problem; hypothesis(es) stated?
- Approach, design, and creativity of study
- Quality and details of analysis; clearly explained?
- Significance of results; different perspectives used?
- Soundness of conclusions; relation to Introduction?
- Contribution to field; impact outside immediate field?

Rating of Scientific Criteria - _____

Presentation (oral):

- Overall organization and clarity; proper timing?
- Oral presentation skill; presence, poise, & demeanor.
- Graphics were high quality and easy to read and interpret.
- Ability to respond to questions.

Rating of Oral Presentation Criteria - _____

Presentation (poster):

- Overall organization and clarity
- Minimal text for maximal effect?
- Graphics were high quality and easy to read and interpret.
- Ability to respond to questions.

Rating of Poster Presentation Criteria - _____

HINTS ON GIVING A GREAT RESEARCH PRESENTATION

Thanks to **Linda Rayor!**

Scientific Criteria:

- Give a clear introduction to your research problem. Provide a background to your research and inform the audience about the state of the field prior to this study. You need not provide a review of the entire field, but your listeners deserve to have your contribution to the field put into context. Explain the *importance* of your research question and why the work is of value.
- Clearly state the hypothesis(es) tested.
- Clearly explain the techniques or experiments used in the project. Explicitly describe any novel or uncommon apparatus or protocol.

- Explain your results clearly. The audience only has a minute or two to digest the content of your figures, so make the figures easy to read and to understand (uncluttered). It is often much better to present smaller portions of your data rather than large, unintelligible tables or figures ("less is best"). Provide telegraphic titles that help the audience grasp the meaning of the results more easily. Try to minimize abbreviations and jargon that only you understand. Basically, make it easy for your audience to understand your data as you guide them through it.
- Explain why the results of your study are a valuable contribution to your field. In your talk or poster, you should put the research in context so that the audience *cares* about your results. Do your conclusions extend beyond a small question in arachnology? Does your work contribute to better understanding within the broader field of systematics/ behavior/ ecology, etc.?

Presentation Style & Logistics:

- It is much easier to understand a talk or poster that is logically organized rather than one that is confused and disorganized.
- As indicated above, your graphics should be lucid and easy to follow. Are your figures intelligible with the axes clearly labeled? Without you talking or you being present, would it be possible to look at the graphics and interpret the figures? Are the tables broken into intelligible segments? Are your graphics self-explanatory and informative?
- Few biologists are specialists in everything. For those biologists who work outside of your area of specialty, it is helpful if you explain your project with minimal use of specialist jargon or explain the unusual terms in your presentation. Your project should be understood by anyone in the audience, regardless of his or her field of expertise.
- You should project a professional demeanor. While humor may lighten a talk or a poster, humor that misses the mark can be jarring. Groveling excuses about problems with your data or your slides or visuals, inappropriate jabs at members of the audience, or private jokes generally do not go over well in a professional setting.

Bozidar P. M. Curcic announces:

THE SPIDERS OF SERBIA

Christo C. Deltchev, Bozidar P. M. Curcic, and Gergin A. Blagoev. 2003

835 pages, hard cover, in colour; 170 EUR (or 180 USD) postage and packing included.

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Any number of copies may be ordered via e-mail (or fax). You should contact Prof. Dr. Curcic at **bcurcic@bf.bio.bg.ac.yu**; Tel. ++ 381 11 328 1789 and ++ 381 11 186 635; Fax. ++ 381 11 328 1660 and ++ 381 11 638 500; Mobil tel. ++ 381 63 223 605.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The American Arachnological Society
Final Financial Report
31 Dec. 2002

Total Assets, end of 2001 \$ **44,808.18**

Balance in Checking Account, end of 2001
Union Planters Account, # 8700018793 \$ **19,188.10**
Transfer from Union Planters to Savings Bank of Walpole 40,100.00

Deposits

Membership (includes co-coll dues)	23,294.00
Total sales	2,565.00
back issues	920.00
Spider Genera	1040.00
Rovner Books	605.00
Interest	234.76
Auction	1,629.50
Deposit from Vince Memorial Fund	1,527.00
Deposit, BioOne Revenue Sharing	406.00
Lost checks credit	1,950.00
Transfer from Smith Barney money market account	5,787.50
ISA dues collected from South African Congress	9,405.00
2002 Meeting registration	26,343.22
Miscellaneous deposits	31.99

Subtotal \$ **73,173.97**

Expenses

Allen Press	43,091.09
JOA 29-3	10,768.85
JOA 30-1	12,038.22
JOA 30-2	20,284.02
Allen Press, conversion to PDF files	682.50
Allen Press, Buyer's Guide	300.00
Newsletter	1,000.00
Co-collected dues	10,237.00
UC regents, 2002 meeting expenses	24,557.85
Filing fees (State of CA)	10.00
Mailing expenses- back issues, dues notices, packing, postage,	2,061.39
Student research awards (AAS fund & Vince Roth memorial fur	2,425.00
Student paper awards (meeting)	300.00
Bank fees/ returned checks/check charges	77.65
Replacement of check to Professor Zhao	750.00
Revision of Spider Genera	1,700.00

Subtotal \$ **87,192.48**

Balance, end of 2002 \$ **5,169.59**

Checking Account

Certificate of Deposit Account at
Savings Bank of Walpole #600401944

Balance in account, 31 Dec., 2002 \$ 20,113.50

Total Assets, end of 2002 \$ **25,283.09**

Respectfully submitted,

Note: Journal Expenses were much higher than previous years,
this increase was only partially offset by ISA dues.

The American Arachnological Society

First Quarter Financial Report

31-Mar-03

Total Assets, end of 2002 \$25,283.09

Balance in Checking Account, 31 Dec 02

Savings Bank of Walpole, #301097501 \$5,169.59

Deposits

Interest \$7.80

Membership \$33,610.39

Sales \$12.00

Revenue from CA meeting \$850.00

Total deposits \$34,480.19

Expenses

Allen Press

(printing and electronic publishing) \$11,768.19

Honoraria to editor and associate editors \$4,000.00

AIBS membership \$100.00

Miscellaneous (stamps, foreign check) \$19.95

Total Expenses \$15,888.14

Balance in Checking Account

at end of 1st quarter, 2003 \$23,761.64

Certificate of Deposit Account at

Savings Bank of Walpole #600401944

Balance on 31 Dec 2002 \$ 20,113.50

Interest this quarter (Jan - Mar 03) \$151.93

Balance on 31 Mar 03 \$20,265.43

TOTAL ASSETS

31-Mar-03

\$44,027.07

Dr. Craig S. Hieber, 1951-2002

Remembrance by George W. Uetz

It is with great sadness that I report that our colleague and friend, Dr. Craig S. Hieber, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly Thursday, July 18, 2002 from a pulmonary embolism. His passing was a shock and a profound loss to his colleagues in Arachnology, the faculty and students of Saint Anselm College in Manchester, NH where he was a Professor of Biology, as well as the community of Goffstown, NH, where Craig was very active as Chairman of the School Board. He was well-known and well-loved as a scientist, teacher, colleague and friend. Craig was a devoted family man, and is survived by his wife, Sherry, their two children Eddie and Jana, a sister and his parents.

Dr. Hieber was Professor of Biology at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire, where he taught Biology, Ecology, Invertebrate Zoology and Biostatistics since 1986. Born and raised in suburban Chester, New Jersey, Dr. Hieber received his B.S. from Roanoke College, VA in 1975, M.S. in Biology from the University of North Dakota in 1979, and Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of Florida in 1984. His background and research interests encompassed the ecology, behavior, physiology, and evolution of spiders and other terrestrial arthropods. His research has examined mating and reproductive strategies (in flies and spiders), parasite foraging, spider egg-sac architecture, and the ecology, evolution and anti-predator adaptations of colonial web-building spiders (see list below). He worked on research in New Hampshire, North Dakota, Florida, Costa Rica, and (most extensively) in Mexico, in a long-term collaboration with me and several other arachnologists (Drs. Maggie Hodge, Stim Wilcox, Beth Jakob). His work is published in numerous scientific journals, including *Evolution*, *Animal Behaviour*, *Behavioral Ecology*, *Ethology*, *Oecologia* and the *Journal of Arachnology*. Dr Hieber served as Associate Editor of *The American Midland Naturalist*, and was a member of several scientific societies, including the American Arachnological Society, the Ecological Society of America and the Animal Behavior Society.

Craig was well-known to his colleagues in Arachnology, and was a regular attendee of annual meetings and participant in Society activities. I have known Craig for 22 years, and he has been my research collaborator and partner in crime for 17 of them (my lawyer says I should clearly state this is just a figure of speech). In this time we traveled together to Mexico on research and all over the U.S. to scientific meetings, and yes, even to New Jersey (where we both are from). As a scientist, Craig was well-regarded and respected by his peers, for his solid research and well-presented papers, for his careful review and editing of manuscripts and grant proposals, for his scientific curiosity and creative intellect, but especially for his irrepressible enthusiasm and wit. He liked to "rave" (as he called it) about ideas, which we did for many hours at a time during summer "science camp" in tropical Mexico, and as a result we have published a number of important scientific papers together.

To all of us who knew him, Craig was "larger than life", and he lived it with unparalleled zest and a consistently positive attitude. He could, at a moment's notice (and at great length) hold forth with energy, enthusiasm and humor on subjects ranging from spiders to sci-fi, biking to barbecue, cross-country skiing to classic rock. We have shared many adventures in Mexico, and since Craig was such a great storyteller, these tales have become embellished to the point of legend (at least in our minds), and I'm sure many of you have heard about them - earthquakes, toxic caterpillars, the drunk guy on the tractor, the satanic imagery of the butcher shop in a Mexican market, the ant dance, the field-portable

battery-operated vibration generating simulated predator vibration stimulus (SPVS), and my personal favorite, the "George has a nightmare about a train" incident, and so on.

One of my favorite trips with Craig was to the International Behavioral Ecology Conference at Princeton University, where he presented a paper about the spider-fly predator-prey interaction (see Hieber et al. 2002) that "knocked everyone's socks off", and after which we drove in his enormous station wagon down to the Jersey Shore, listening to Bruce Springsteen and engaged in a highly scientific debate about which kind of pie was the quintessential benchmark of a classic New Jersey diner - was it coconut custard or lemon meringue? The debate remains unresolved... For all our scientific achievements, we were just two guys from Jersey.

To say we will all miss him is an understatement; life - and science - will be a lot less fun without him.

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BOOK REVIEW

CATALOGUE OF THE JUMPING SPIDERS OF NORTHERN ASIA (ARACHNIDA, ARANEAE, SALTICIDAE)

D. V. LOGUNOV AND YU. M. MARUSIK.

299 PP., KMK SCIENTIFIC PRESS LTD., MOSCOW 2000
ISBN 5-87317-081-9

In the past decade arachnological studies in the former U.S.S.R. have increased dramatically. As defined by the authors, northern Asia includes the land area south of the Arctic Ocean, from the Ural Mountains east to the Pacific Ocean, and south to approximately 30°N latitude, including all of the Korean Peninsula and the island of Hokkaido of Japan. This is essentially the eastern part of the Palearctic region north of the southern desert and highland areas, and the temperate part of China. Forty-one genera and 215 species are known for this region. This is obviously a depauperate salticid fauna compared to the similar size Nearctic region north of Mexico (which does include warmer desert, and subtropical areas) with about 60 genera and about 350 species, and the much smaller tropical country of Panama with 237 species. However, this does represent nearly a 100% increase of the numbers of salticid species in north Asia compared to the 1980's.

The introduction is useful for understanding the list including expositions on the administrative units of Mongolia and definitions and maps of zoogeographical units. The checklist is arranged alphabetically by genus, and alphabetically by species within each genus making it very convenient to use. For each species, North Asian taxonomic references are included, a list of localities, most of which have a latitude/ longitude determination, a locality map where individual records are plotted, and brief habitat notes. The coordinate locations and maps are especially useful for New World workers who tend to have a poor geographical feel for North Asia. It has become apparent that amphi-northern Pacific spider distributions are more extensive than has been previously realized. These distributions are well documented in this volume, making it a valuable reference for the Nearctic as well. A most useful feature is that it contains the most convenient source of references in English to the Russian jumping spider literature.

Minor problems were noted in the Nearctic distribution maps of *Chalcoscirtus alpicola* and *Sitticus cutleri*. In both cases the areas illustrated are too extensive. The known distribution of the former species is in the alpine zone of the White Mountains of New Hampshire, absent from the rest of the east and mid-west and reappears in the northern and central Rocky Mountains, and the Yukon Territory and the far western plains of Canada. The latter species is not known to occur in the southern part of the figured area outside of the Rocky Mountains.

In short I can recommend this volume enthusiastically. For those who have not succumbed to the lure of the Neotropics, large areas of Canada and Alaska are completely unexplored and will provide many sur-

prises. Future updates to this publication would ideally be published on a web site, which could be done rapidly and frequently.

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AAS Annual Meeting 2004 Norman, Oklahoma

Hosted by **Douglas Gaffin**

The 2004 annual meeting of the American Arachnological Society will be held at the University of Oklahoma in the city of Norman, and hosted by Dr. Douglas Gaffin.

We will meet **23—27 June, 2004**. Those flying will arrive at Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City; shuttles will be provided from the airport into Norman (~ 30-minute trip). Any info on special events in the area will be mentioned as we approach the meeting date.

Doug says the weather may be very hot in the summer and also very windy. It isn't quite as brutal in June as it tends to be in July. Temperatures average around 88° F in June as opposed to the high 90's F in July. (The all time high for July in Norman was 109° F!).

There is a Residence Inn located near the University with very nice accommodations. Various Bed and Breakfasts are in Norman, and will be detailed in later announcements. There is a hotel on campus as well.

There are many places to eat around campus and wonderful restaurants in Norman.

A field trip to Lake Thunderbird is planned, which is right outside of Norman. This will be a late afternoon/evening trip to permit scorpion -searching after dark with blacklights. Other field trips will be scheduled for Sunday, June 27th. There are several interesting options around Norman, but one we are leaning towards is an excursion to the Wichita Wildlife Refuge in the Wichita Mountains.

Tentative Schedule: Subject to change

Wednesday, 23 June Check-in and reception at Sooner Hotel

Thursday, 24 June Welcome Address; Paper Sessions – Meacham Auditorium

Friday, 25 June Paper Sessions – Meacham Auditorium; BBQ at Burr Park Gazebo

Saturday, 26 June Paper Sessions – Meacham Auditorium; Business Meeting; Banquet & AAS Auction; Storm Chasing presentation by Dr. Kelvin Droegemeier

Sunday, 27 June Trip to Wichita Wildlife Refuge

Those wishing to contact the host may do so at ddgaffin@ou.edu.

13 edu; PHONE: 405-325-3521; FAX: 405-325-7383

AAS and Roth Research Award Recipients

Sarah Crews AAS Award, \$200. Using geometric morphometric analyses to quantify genitalic variation in *Homalonychus* (Araneae; Homalonychidae).

Alexander Gromov Roth Award, \$500. A world-wide revision of the solpugids of the family Karschiidae (Arachnida, Solifugae); A trip to the Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle (Paris); Fieldwork in Central Asia; Participation in the 21st European Colloquium of Arachnology (St. Petersburg).

Casey Harris AAS Award, \$300. Aversion learning in wolf spiders (Lycosidae): The importance of sensory cues and memory.

Jamel Sandidge AAS Award, \$200. Genetic, demographic, and behavioral differentiation between natural and urban populations of brown recluse spiders.

Shawn Wilder AAS Award \$300. Ecological factors affecting resumption of activity following a predator encounter.

Congratulations to the awardees!

Note: The deadline for the AAS and Roth Research Awards is 15 January. See the A.A.S. website for details.

Phil Taylor writes:

Graduate study in Sydney, Australia

Applications are invited from students interested in starting a PhD or MSc within the next year. Research in my new laboratory at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia, deals primarily with jumping spider behaviour, especially communication, mating systems and mechanisms of contest resolution. We have 'state of the art' facilities for recording and playback research (visual, sound & vibration) and for fine-scale analysis of behavior. Projects on other spiders or on other aspects of jumping spider Behavior / Ecology / Physiology would also be most welcome. Through the Macquarie University Animal Behaviour Research Group, as well as other members of the Psychology and Biology departments, a very broad array of research topics can be supported. Information about research in my laboratory and opportunities for financial support can be obtained through my web pages ([HTTP://GALLIFORM.BHS.MQ.EDU.AU/PWT/HOME/PHIL_HOME.PAGE.HTML](http://GALLIFORM.BHS.MQ.EDU.AU/PWT/HOME/PHIL_HOME.PAGE.HTML)). Sydney, and Australia in general, is a wonderful place to live and is just crawling with fantastic research animals. We can offer ample academic and logistic support, first-rate facilities and a very pleasant working environment.

From Paula Cushing:

To U.S. collectors: please consider using the Denver Museum of Nature & Science (approved abbreviation DMNH) as the repository for your specimens, particularly those collected west of the Mississippi in the Rocky Mountain/Great Plains ecoregions. This relatively new repository for arachnids is curated by Paula Cushing. Identified specimens will be databased immediately and the information made electronically available within a year at the following website: [HTTP://WWW.DMNS.ORG/SPIDERS/INDEX.HTML](http://WWW.DMNS.ORG/SPIDERS/INDEX.HTML)

Click on the database tab at this website to view the information made available to users and to view the searchable data fields.

American Arachnology

goes *electronic*

The Executive Committee of the American Arachnological Society took under consideration a movement from the Secretary and Membership Secretary to begin distributing *American Arachnology*, the Newsletter of the American Arachnological Society, via electronic mail to those members with an electronic mail address.

From President Opell & the Executive Committee:

Formal Proposal: Beginning in the spring of 2003, *American Arachnology* will cease being routinely distributed to individual and institutional members in printed format. Instead, it will be sent electronically in its current format as a PDF to individual members of the society. Only individuals who are not able to receive e-mail will be sent a printed copy of the Newsletter. Institutional members will not receive printed or electronic versions of the Newsletter, although they will be made aware of the unrestricted availability of *American Arachnology* on the society's web page.

This proposal passed.

Starting with this Newsletter (#67), we will implement this proposal. Those unable to view PDF files should contact the Secretary to determine alternate delivery formats.

The benefits to our Society from this change are manifold:

- Approximately \$1,700 per year publication and mailing costs will be saved.
- More rapid publication.
- Easier distribution of ancillary A.A.S. publications and notices (Membership lists, post-doc, graduate research positions, and other announcements, AAS news alerts, etc.).
- Fewer inquiries from institutional subscribers for perceived back issues.

Please direct any comments, questions, or suggestions to the Secretary or Membership Secretary.

THE VALUE OF AN A.A.S. MEMBERSHIP

Arachnologists ask, "What do I receive from being a dues-paying member of the Society?". This inquiry addresses an immediate and popular concern among arachnophiles. What does one "get" from being a member of the A.A.S.? ...

- Online access to the latest issue of the JOA.
 - No page charges when publishing in the JOA.
 - Access to the A.A.S. and Roth Research grants.
 - Lower registration fees for the annual A.A.S. meeting.
- Not to mention all the other benefits available to anyone: the Newsletter, all the features on the Website, etc. Furthermore, dues for the A.A.S. are just about the lowest anywhere! **What a bargain !**

Lou Sorkin writes:

This is an announcement pertaining to the online spider catalog (originally published by The New York Entomological Society in book form). Version 3.0 is up and running so take a test drive for all you spider enthusiasts with taxonomic questions. [HTTP://RESEARCH.AMNH.ORG/ENTOMOLOGY/SPIDERS/CATALOG81-87/INDEX.HTML](http://RESEARCH.AMNH.ORG/ENTOMOLOGY/SPIDERS/CATALOG81-87/INDEX.HTML)

16th International Congress of Arachnology

12-17 July 2004 Gent - Belgium

General information about the city of Gent

Gent (Ghent) is a modern European town with about 250.000 inhabitants. The city was founded in the early Middle Ages and was developed around two abbeys and a castle, all of which are still existing. It has a rich historical past and a well-preserved medieval city centre. Of utmost importance for Ghent is its university. It numbers some 25.000 students in 10 faculties of which the Faculty of Sciences is one of the most important. The university buildings are spread both over the historical and the more recent parts of the city, which makes the interaction between town and university very intense.

Location of the Congress Venue

The congress will take place in the HIKW-building of Ghent University in the K.L. Ledeganckstraat 35, 9000 Gent. The venue at the Faculty of Sciences is situated about twenty minutes walking distance from the old city centre and about ten minutes walk from the railway station. It has a nice botanical garden and a park of about 40 hectares in its immediate vicinity.

Maps showing the location of the venue are to be found on the website.

Lectures will, depending on the need for parallel sessions, be held in two or more auditoria adjacent to each other, in this way facilitating the transfer of participants between different sessions. The poster sessions and coffee breaks will be held in the nearby foyer.

Scientific programme

There will be possibilities for oral as well as poster presentations.

Overhead projectors, slide projectors and digital equipment for Power Point presentations will be available.

Oral presentations will be limited to 20 minutes, including five minutes for discussion. The official language of the congress is English.

The Proceedings will be published as a special volume of the "The Journal of Arachnology". More detailed information about "author instructions" will be given with the second circular. PhD student awards will be selected for the best poster and oral presentation.

Accommodations

A wide range of accommodation possibilities will be available: e.g. hotels, student hostels, youth hostels, camping. If you desire low budget accommodation, please indicate on the registration form.

Registration

Registration fees will be kept as low as possible and are estimated below:

Members of the ISAabout 200 €; Non members of the ISAabout 240 €; Accompanying persons.....about 150 €; Studentsabout 100 €

Possibilities to obtain grants will be available.

The registration fee includes congress participation, mid-week excursion, abstract volume, Proceedings, get-together party (with a selection of Belgian beers) and several receptions.

Information on the preliminary registration form, which can be downloaded from the website (<http://allserv.rug.ac.be/~jpmaelfa/index.htm>), and sending it before March

31 by e-mail or regular mail to the Secretary: Léon Baert, Royal Belgian Institute for Natural Sciences, Vautierstraat 29, B-1000 Brussels, Belgium (16ICA@naturalsciences.be).

Those who have registered properly will receive a second circular with more detailed information.

Organising Committee

- Jean-Pierre Maelfait (president), Institute of Nature Conservation, Brussels & Ghent University, Gent.

- Léon Baert (secretary), Royal Belgian Inst. for Natural Sciences, Brussels.

- Mark Alderweireldt, Ghent University, Gent.

- Dries Bonte, Ghent University, Gent.

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Additional information can be found at the website: <http://allserv.rug.ac.be/~jpmaelfa/index.htm>

G.B. Edwards writes:

CSE provides grant funds to work at FSCA

The Center for Systematic Entomology, headquartered in Gainesville, Florida, annually budgets funds for scientists to visit and work at the Florida State Collection of Arthropods, also located in Gainesville. Typically, two to four grants of up to \$500 are awarded to out-of-state scientists and graduate students working on systematics, to help offset travel and per diem expenses. Work space and microscopes are provided. Grants are open to the greater entomological community, however, you must be a member of the CSE to obtain a grant. Yearly memberships are \$35 and allow you up to 25 free pages for publishing in the society's journal, *Insecta Mundi* (100 reprints are required at \$10 per page). Dr. Allen Brady is the most recent arachnologist to receive such a grant, to work on wolf spiders (the FSCA contains the wolf spider collection of the late Dr. H. K. Wallace). The FSCA contains one of the top five arachnid and myriapod collections in the country, with particular strengths in Araneae (especially Salticidae, Lycosidae), Pseudoscorpiones (William B. Muchmore collection), Scorpiones (Erik Kjellesvig-Waering collection), and Diplopoda (Nell Causey collection).

Application for a grant can be submitted at any time (no deadlines), but are subject to availability of funds. A grant application should be one page, and should contain a summary of the proposed research, dates of the proposed visit, and requested amount. Grants can be submitted either to the chairman of the Gifts, Grants, and Endowments Committee, Dr. Robert E. Woodruff, or to the President of the CSE, **Dr. G. B. Edwards**, at the following address:

Center for Systematic Entomology ; P.O. Box 147100, 1911 SW 34th St.; Gainesville, FL 32614-7100 USA

"Is that palp charged or are ya
just happy to see me?"
—Maevia westae

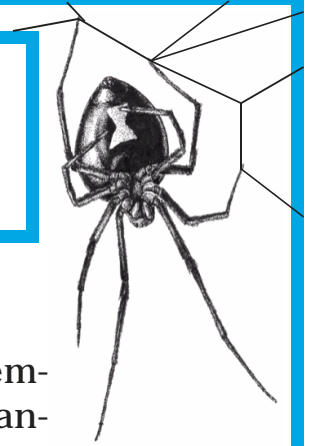


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AMERICAN ARACHNOLGICAL SOCIETY WEBSITE

[HTTP://AMERICANARACHNOLOGY.ORG](http://AMERICANARACHNOLOGY.ORG)

Ken Prestwich has developed our website where one may find membership information, **Annual Meeting Info & registration**, announcements & Bulletin Board, officers, meeting minutes, instructions to JOA authors, an electronic JOA index, graduate study opportunities, a photo gallery, links to other arachnological sites, and **JOA OnLine** (electronic versions of the Journal of Arachnology; available to A.A.S. Members). Many, many thanks and kudos to Ken for applying his time and skill to the Website!! Thanks too to Holy Cross for sponsoring the site.

ARACHNOLOGY IN CYBERSPACE

Here are some website addresses for arachnological information:

International Society of Arachnology—[HTTP://WWW.ARACHNOLOGY.ORG](http://www.arachnology.org)

Wolf Spiders of Australia (Lycosidae) - [HTTP://WWW.ALPHALINK.COM.AU/~FRAMENU/LYCOSIDAE/INDEX.HTML](http://www.alphalink.com.au/~framenu/lycosidae/index.html)

JOURNAL OF ARACHNOLOGY ELECTRONIC INDEX

The electronic index for the Journal of Arachnology is available at: <http://vassun.vassar.edu/~celt/suter/spiderform.html>

Note that the main search keywords are: **SCORPION, SPIDER, HARVESTMAN, MITE**. Any word or taxon that is in a title may be found with a search of the Index. Thanks to Bob Suter: SUTER@VASSAR.EDU [HTTP://FACULTY.VASSAR.EDU/~SUTER/SUTER.HTML](http://faculty.vassar.edu/~suter/suter.html)

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