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Jo Anne Boorkman

Our Atlanta meeting is just around the corner. Our Division program planners have been busy with last minute details to assure that our programs, Open House, CE Course, Tour, and Business Meeting run smoothly. Highlights of some of the program events are featured in this issue. I would like to thank the sponsors who have generously helped support some of the programs for this meeting. UMI's sponsorship is assisting us with Monday morning's program, *Meeting the Information Needs of the Animal Welfare Act*.

The Biotechnology Roundtable program, *Biotechnology: Taking an Idea to Market--The Technology Transfer Process*, is being sponsored by John Wiley & Sons, Inc., Land O'Lakes, Inc., Promega, and STN International. Thanks go to Efrat Livny for her work in obtaining many of these sponsors. Our Monday Open House will be sponsored once again by BIOSIS and Dialog Information Services. The annual Division Business Meeting is being sponsored by Cambridge Scientific and the 1994/95 Executive Board Meeting by Ebsco Subscription Services. Tuesday morning's program, *Perspective on the Information Sources at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*, is being sponsored by CD Plus Technologies. Please look for our "Heartfelt Thanks" hearts in Exhibits and thank our sponsors for their assistance in supporting our division programming. Special thanks go to Patricia Yocum and the Fund Development Committee members for their work in securing these sponsors.

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I want to remind all Biological Sciences Division members that the Executive Board meetings are open and invite interested members to come to these meetings and learn more about division activities. The 1993/94 Executive Board meeting will be held on Saturday, June 11, at 4:30 pm at the Division Suite in the Marriott Marquis. The 1994/95 Executive Board meeting will be held at the same location on Wednesday, June 15, at 7:30 am.

Thursday we have planned both a tour and a CE course from which to choose. The CE course, *Internet Access and Resources for Biological Sciences*, will be taught by Joan Marcotte Gregory from the University of Utah. The tour will visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Yerkes Regional Primate Center, with a stop for lunch at the Emory Inn. It will be limited to 30 and preregistration is required. So, make your choice and sign up soon, to assure your place at either of these events.

Also in this issue, please note the announcement of the new officers, who you just elected. They will be taking office following the Tuesday business meeting. Also, note the winner of the Student Stipend Award. Thanks to Patricia Morris and her committee for promoting the award and judging the essays.

If you haven't yet finished navigating the SLA Preliminary Program booklet, the Biological Sciences Division events are outlined on page 12. I think we have an exciting and diverse program of events for division members, including scheduled time to visit exhibits. I hope to see you at our programs, social events, and, of course, our annual business meeting. See you in Atlanta!

A BSD Listserv?

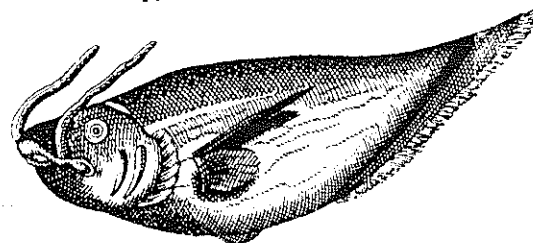
As a service fostering communication among its members, BSD is interested in establishing a listserv. We need someone to set it up and maintain it. Experience indicates that these functions are not typically onerous. If you would like to provide this service or know someone who is especially equipped to provide it, please let me know.

Patricia Yocum, BSD Chair-Elect
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Call for Volunteers

I wish to thank all who volunteered to serve on various Division committees and activities. I am preparing rosters now and hope to have them completed before the Atlanta meeting. There is still time to volunteer if you are especially interested in a specific area. I am particularly encouraging our new members to express their interest and get connected with BSD members. You do *not* need to attend the Annual Conference to serve on Division committees. Division work is an excellent opportunity to meet new colleagues from around the country. If you are interested or would like more information just let me know. There are plenty of ways to be a contributing committee member!

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Listservs in the Biological Sciences - Part 2

Sue Kaczor

SELECTED RESOURCES ON AIDS

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This listserv deals with the subject of AIDS with a strong U.S. focus. Several moderators control the discussion using rules, one of which requires unconventional medical claims to be substantiated by references. News, statistics, philosophy, discussion, and clinical trial questions all show up in the postings. Three publications are included: the CDC's *AIDS Daily Summary*, the CDC's *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly*, and the *AIDS Information Newsletter*. Expect about eleven postings per day, some of which are quite long. Consider accessing this through UseNet if you have the option. This will keep your e-mail account from being tied up with this heavy volume.

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Atlanta Travel Tip

If you are flying in to Atlanta at Hartsfield airport, consider using the metro rail line, MARTA. It is cheaper (\$1.50 vs. \$8-12 for a cab or limo), quicker (15 min. vs. 30-45 min. for a cab or limo), clean, and safe. You can get on MARTA at the airport terminal and take it to the conference area, where a stop is near the Hyatt Regency.

If you have some free time, you can take MARTA north to Lenox Rd., where within walking distance are two plazas: Lenox and Phipps. Some great stores and restaurants are there: Ritz Carlton and Pleasant Peasant (restaurants), Macy's, Tiffany, Nieman-Marcus, Lord and Taylor, and others.

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Reflections of an Evolutionary Biologist

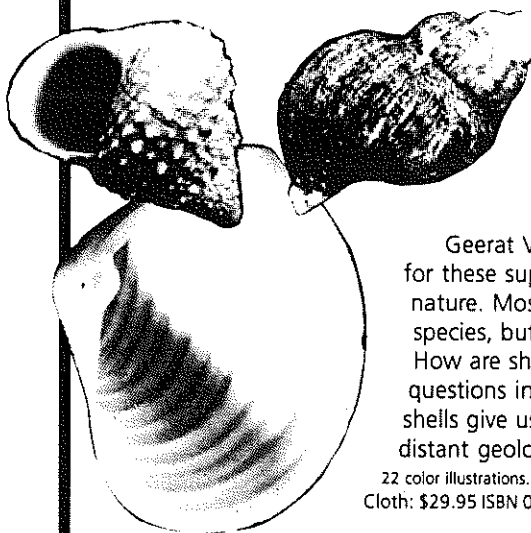
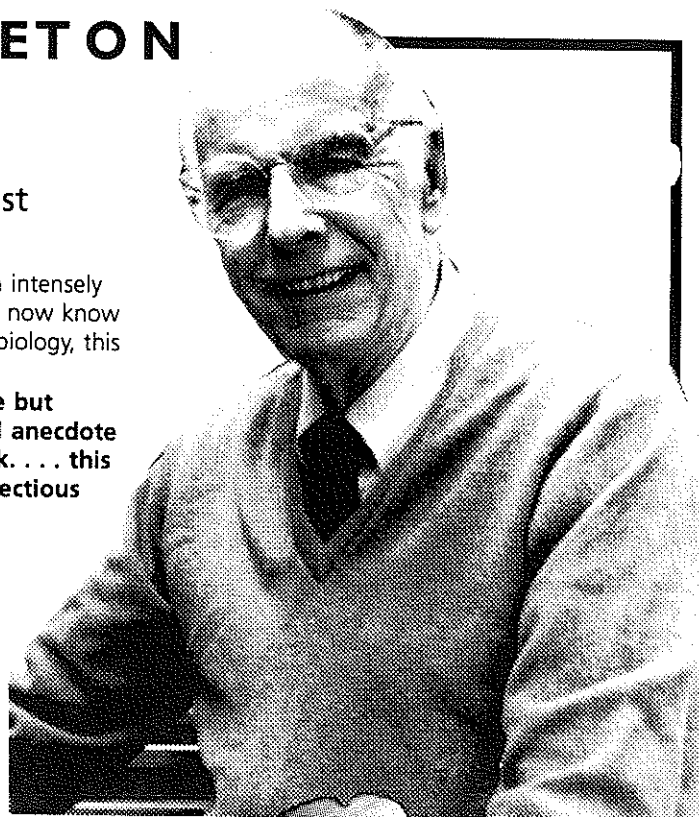
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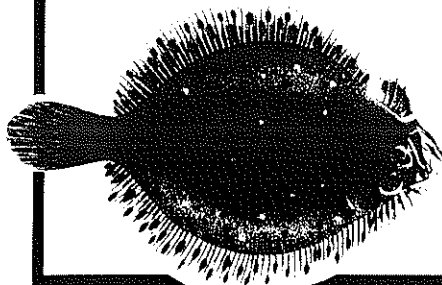
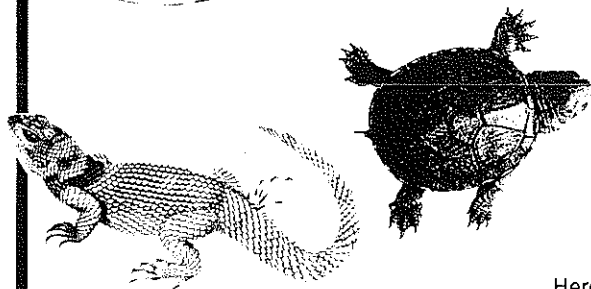
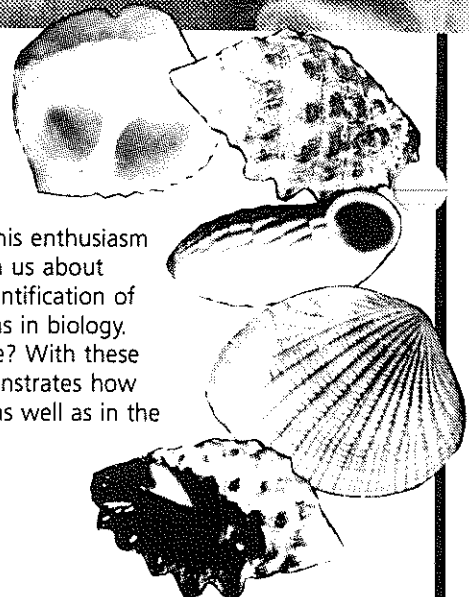


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Biofeedback wanted to contribute to the "What does one do in Atlanta?" literature so prevalent in Association publications in preparation for SLA's national conference in June. In order to put together a list of suggestions that might be considered alternative, those that go beyond the suggestions found in the conference materials, we asked Biological Sciences Division members and their colleagues in Georgia for their 'feedback' about unique housing options, after-hours entertainments and cultural attractions. What we turned up ranged from classy to funky and might surprise you as to its availability and affordability.

For those of us who may wish to tack on few days of R&R after the strain of attending the conference, Bed and Breakfasts (B&Bs) offer a comfortable, friendly and inexpensive alternative to the big city high-rise hotel. Several specific suggestions for guest homes we turned up are the Woodruff B&B at 223 Ponce de Leon in Atlanta (404-875-9449) and the Beverly Hills Inn, on Sheridan Dr., in Atlanta (404-233-8520). Both offer complimentary breakfasts and the Woodruff even has some rooms with spas! If these homes are unavailable, there are two services that exist in Atlanta that act as gatekeepers to small inns and guest homes in and near the city. Bed and Breakfast Atlanta (800-967-3224) provides information and reservation assistance for free and Georgia Bed & Breakfast (404-493-1930) offers similar services for a modest fee. Give them a call so they can help you find a place, simple or lavish, that will suit your relaxation needs.

Some of us find new friends to share our interests with that go beyond the tours and receptions associated with conference. SLA's culture mavens are in luck! Atlanta offers an eclectic art, music and theater scene, so indulging your cultivated side may be just a cab ride away. For starters, the Georgia Council of the Arts (404-651-7926) can mail you a calendar of arts events taking place during Convention Week, or the phone numbers of prominent theater or music groups in the area. Contacting the Council ahead of time may give you the numbers you need to actually *plan* a cultural excursion away for an evening.

Independent contemporary art galleries offer access to work that is being created today and can shatter many a paradigm one might hold about art! An area called "Little Five Points," near Euclid and Moreland Avenues is a counterculturist's dream come true, and may be a good place to start when delving into Atlanta's art community. Art galleries and vintage clothing stores dot the streets, while coffee shops and natural food restaurants provide ample opportunity for people-watching. This is a colorful neighborhood! Beyond that, galleries can be found at many locations throughout the city. Buckhead, Bennett, Roswell Streets and Peachtree Avenue have their share of spaces to explore. Midtown and the Virginia Highlands areas also present golden art opportunities. Check local listings in the free publication *Creative Loafing* for show specifics and gallery hours.

As far as live music and theater go, it is unfortunate that most seasonal theater performance schedules are winding down by June, but there still are some groups and troupes that could offer a satisfying summer evening's entertainment. The Atlanta Symphony's outdoor "Pops" offering, called the Classic Chastain Series, brings to Atlanta the likes of The Neville Brothers, The Pointer Sisters, and Kenny Rogers accompanied by the Atlanta Symphony at Chastain Park all during convention week. For information and ticket availability call 404-892-2414. The Lakewood Amphitheatre (404-627-5700) also sports an outdoor performance schedule full of variety. Other musical ideas include Orchestra Atlanta (404-255-0033), the Atlanta Feminist Women Chorus (404-371-6243), or the Atlanta Opera (404-355-3311).

For those who are sticking around after SLA, here are some suggestions for theater. Call the Georgia Shakespeare Festival at Oglethorpe University (404-264-0020), presenting *Shrew* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The Play Ground Theater Company (404-250-5016) presents *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*, the play on which the fine Glen Close/John Malkovich film was based. For the light at heart, try The Village Center Playhouse (404-998-3526) in Roswell featuring *The Nerd*, a hilarious portrayal of the "acquaintance from Hell," Onstage Atlanta (404-897-1802), which is presenting *La Cage aux Folles*, or Agatha's, *A Taste of Mystery* (404-875-1610), a dinner theater in Midtown offering a parody of Tennessee Williams's greatest hits, *Cat on a Hot Tin Streetcar*.

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If these ideas haven't sparked your interest, and free and easy suits your vacation style, upon arriving in Atlanta you can look for the free publications *Creative Loafing* and *The Hudspeth Report*, and go from there. These newspapers will provide you with a full range listing of arts events including performance art, classical, contemporary and alternative music, theater and movies that will be available on during your conference stay. Exploring and supporting the arts while out-of-town on business may be a new approach for some, but breaks up the grind of professionally-associated travel, which reduces the stress associated with such travel. Getting off the beaten track while at a conference can be invigorating. It makes already interesting attendees even more interesting, creates innovative conversation and in turn gives all of us access to a different side of a great conference location. With this in mind, enjoy SLA and conquer Atlanta's arts scene, for as this brief introduction should illustrate, they both have a lot to offer.

Lorri Zipperer, American Medical Association, Chicago, Illinois
with research by Susan C. Curtis of the University of Georgia, Athens
and Lee Eltzroth, TBS, Inc., Atlanta



Reporters Needed

If you are attending the Annual Conference in Atlanta, the Division's Publications Committee needs YOU! We are seeking "reporters" to attend specific conference programs and write short articles for *Biofeedback*. To share your journalistic talents by volunteering as a reporter, please contact:

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We look forward to hearing from you.

BSD Elects New Officers

The Nominations and Elections Committee is pleased to announce the results of the election of new Division officers for 1994-95:

Lucy Rowland, University of Georgia Science Library, has been selected as Chair-Elect.

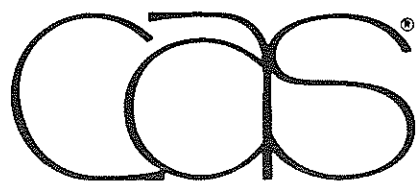
Nancy Bruce Kozlowski, North Carolina Biotechnology Center, has been elected Secretary-Treasurer of BSD.

Congratulations go to Lucy and Nancy, and sincere thanks as well to candidates Larry Wright and Patricia Murphy.



Division Essay Winner

The Public Relations Committee would like to announce the winner of the 1994 Biological Sciences Division Essay Competition. Catherine Hanson-Tracy, an SLIS student at UCLA, who expects to graduate in the spring of 1995, has won a \$1,000 stipend to cover the cost of attending the 1994 SLA Annual Conference in Atlanta. Catherine's winning essay, *The Journal Collection Challenge*, will be published in a future issue of *Biofeedback*. The committee would like to thank all those who helped to spread the word regarding the competition. We even used an e-mail announcement and were very pleased to double the number of entries from last year. The Committee members are Carla H. Lee, Stephen G. Macksey, Patricia Morris (chair), Dorothy M. Riemenschneider, and Lois P. Sill. Congratulations Catherine!!!



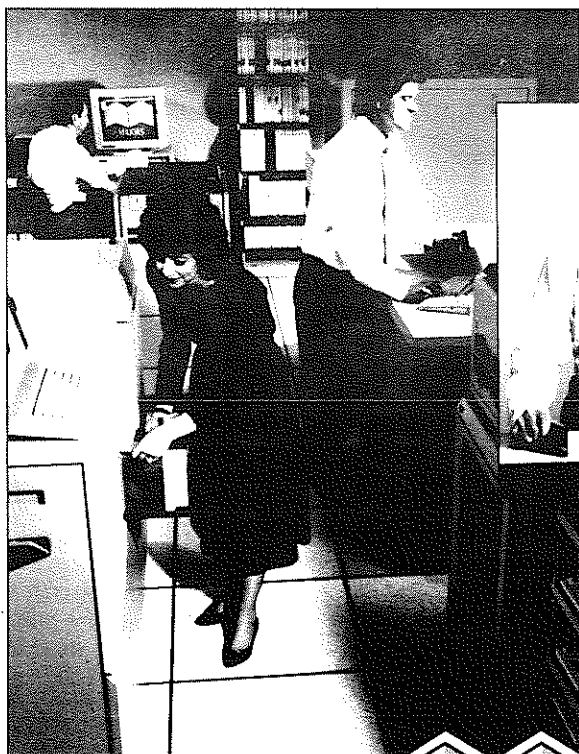
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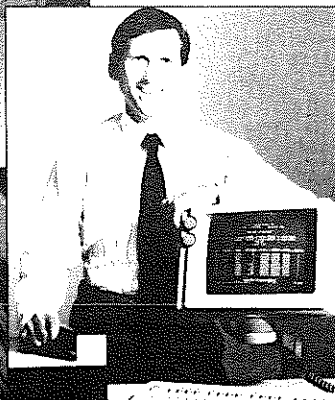
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ABSTRACT: A 250-500 word abstract, accurately conveying the subject of the paper, its scope, conclusions and relevance to the program theme.

THEME: The complete text of the paper is due to the program co-chairs by March 31, 1995.

LENGTH: Paper presentation should take approximately 20 minutes.

ACCEPTANCE: Papers will be accepted only if the abstract has been submitted for evaluation by the deadline September 15, 1994.

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Announcements

Natural History Caucus Directory

The Natural History Caucus of SLA is attempting to put together a directory of its members. We have sent out forms to complete, but few have been returned. Please complete your forms and return to: Jane Edwards, American Type Culture Collection, 12301 Parklawn Dr., Rockville, MD 20852.

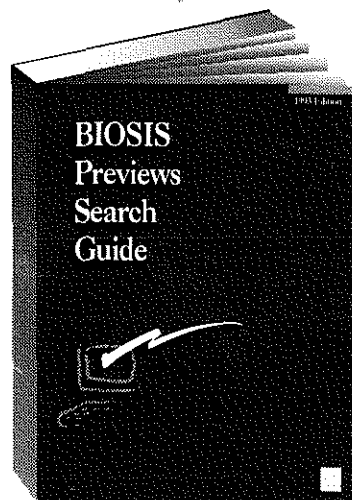
If you have any questions, you can contact Jane at (301) 231-5560 or Robin Sinn at (215) 299-1140. Thank you.

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Medicine and the Internet

Internet for Medical Librarians: A Syllabus, an 83-page publication prepared by information specialist Duede Chiang, is being distributed by the University of Southern California Norris Medical Library. The guide emphasizes medical resources on the Internet including electronic mail, telnet, gopher, FTP, listservs and news groups, and related online search tools. Price is \$12. Orders, accompanied by a check payable to the University of Southern California, should be sent to Internet Syllabus, Reference Section, USC Norris Medical Library, 2003 Zonal Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90033.

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Perspective on the Information Sources at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is the government's primary organization for tracking epidemiological studies and monitoring public health in the United States. Since AIDS, hantavirus infections, drug-resistant tuberculosis and other diseases continue to challenge us, the resources available through the CDC are vital. Dr. Richard Goodman, Asst. Director of the Epidemiology Program Office, will provide background on the CDC's role in public health and the dissemination of information through the MMWR Series of publications. Dr. Andrew Friede, Chief, Public Health Information Systems Branch Information Resources Management Office, will present information on the recently developed CDC/WONDER/PC program, which provides epidemiologists with PC based access to both textual and statistical data compiled by the CDC. This session will help us learn how to most effectively access the wealth of information available from this agency.

Meeting the Information Requirements of the Animal Welfare Act: A Workshop

The Animal Welfare Act has certain information requirements which must be met by those keeping animals in captivity and using them for research. This session will define the requirements of the act, discuss the alternatives concepts, and provide information on organizations and electronic media available to assist in meeting these information requirements. Tim Allen and D'Anna Berry of the National Agricultural Library's Animal Welfare Information Center will conduct this session. A detailed workbook will be provided, which includes information on legislation, alternatives, information resources, databases and searching tips. This session will be timely and helpful for anyone who assists researchers prepare literature reviews for grant requests and Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees.

BSD Annual Field Trip

CDC and Yerkes Regional Primate Center

The Biological Sciences Division field trip in Atlanta this year will visit two internationally known research centers. First on the tour is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This is an agency of the Public Health Service, working for the prevention and control of communicable and vector-borne diseases. At the Centers, participants will visit the Viral Diseases Division, where one of the CDC scientists will discuss work on pathogens such as the hantavirus, which recently caused an outbreak of disease in the Four Corners area.

After a buffet lunch at the Emory Inn, the tour will visit the Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center. The Center is owned by Emory University and is the oldest scientific institute dedicated to primate research. It carries out studies in such areas as primate behavioral biology, reproductive biology, and the conservation of endangered species. After a short tour of the facility, the group will hear a talk by one of the research scientists.

The tour is limited to 30 people. If you are interested, turn in your registration form as early as possible.

Saturday, June 11		1:30 pm - 2:45 pm	Internet Theme Day, Part 2: User Discussion Groups
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm	1993/94 Executive Board Meeting		
Sunday, June 12		3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Internet Theme Day, Part 3: Electronic Journals
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Open House	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Open House
Monday, June 13		Wednesday, June 15	
10:30 am - 1:00 pm	<i>Meeting the Information Needs of the Animal Welfare Act</i>	7:30 am - 8:45 am	1994/95 Executive Board Meeting
1:30 pm - 5:00 pm	<i>Biotechnology: Taking an Idea to Market--The Technology Transfer Process</i>	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Exhibits
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Open House	1:00 pm - 2:15 pm	Contributed Papers Session: <i>Visioning Our Collections, Collection Development in Life Sciences Libraries</i>
Tuesday, June 14		Thursday, June 16	
7:30 am - 8:45 am	Annual Business Meeting	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	CE Course: <i>Internet Access and Resources for Biological Sciences</i>
10:30 am - 11:45 am	<i>Perspective on the Information Sources at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</i>	9:30 am - 3:45 pm	Field Trip: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Yerkes Regional Primate Center
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