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This is the second section of the Fall 2002 NAS/IUSSI newsletter. This section draws your attention to three issues which require action on your part. The first two issues are votes, for the site of our upcoming 2004 breakaway meeting (there are three proposed sites to choose among) and for the office of NAS/IUSSI president for the upcoming year (there are two candidates). Regarding the third issue, it is also time to pay NAS/IUSSI dues and subscriptions to *Insectes Sociaux*.

I will provide two ways for you to vote on the meeting venue and the president office:

1. (Preferred): Send me an email message indicating your choice of president and meeting venue. If you desire complete anonymity in voting, you can send me an attachment file indicated your choices but not your identity, which I can download and tally without knowing who it came from.

Send your email message to:

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2. You can fill out and mail me a hard copy of the voting form, below.

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I look forward to seeing many of you at the ESA national meetings in Ft. Lauderdale in about a month.

Issue 1: Vote on proposed venues for NAS/IUSSI Meeting, 2004

There are three proposed sites among which to choose. I have placed them in the order in which I received the from sponsors.

Site A: Ancaster, Ontario (west end of Lake Ontario)

1). Location: Canterbury Hills Conference Centre, Ancaster, Ontario. The facility sits on 82 acres (32 ha) of largely wooded land (Carolinean forest) contiguous with the Dundas Valley Conservation Area (3000 acres), with extensive walking trails including a section of the Bruce Trail. The site is about 10 km SE of downtown Hamilton, a relatively large city on the western end of Lake Ontario.

Proposed dates: late September, 2004

The tentative agenda is:

Sept. 23 (Thu): Daytime: Meeting of IUSSI International Congress organizing committee (could start on Wed)

Arrival by 5:00 PM for dinner. Evening: Informal discussions

Sept. 24 (Fri): Oral presentations all day; evening poster session and traditional beer/wine mixer

Sept. 25 (Sat): Presentations in morning; afternoon

field trips into Dundas Valley Conservation Area, wineries, or theatre productions;

conclude presentations in evening.

Sept. 26 (Sun): Departure; possible continuation of IUSSI International Congress organizing committee mtg.

(If Canterbury Hills is selected as the site for the next "break-away" meeting of NAS/IUSSI, we will seek suggestions on this tentative agenda from IUSSI members).

Approximate registration cost: US\$150 (includes all meals and lodging from Thursday evening to Sunday morning, rental of poster boards and projection equipment, beer and wine for Friday mixer, etc.) This is a preliminary estimate, based on current prices. An additional charge may apply for shuttle service between Canterbury Hills and regional airports, depending on the final meeting budget.

Any profits will be directed toward a scholarship fund for the 2006 IUSSI Congress in Washington, DC.

2). Organizers:

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3). Accommodations:

The "camp-side" of Canterbury Hills can accommodate 133 people. The facilities are comparable to the University of Colorado field station (NAS/IUSSI 1998), and include:

Bothwell Retreat House—air-conditioned self-contained tri-level retreat house accommodates up to 10 people, and includes two common rooms and a kitchen area. Four bedrooms (one with a double bed, one with 3 twin beds, one with two twin beds, and one with 2 bunk-beds). Perfect facility for the Organizing Committee of the International IUSSI meeting (Washington, DC, 2006) to meet in before, during, and/or after the NAS/IUSSI meeting.

*Artaban Lodge—This fairly basic facility has six bedrooms with capacity for 17 people (8 bunk beds, one twin bed), two washrooms, and a meeting room that can accommodate 16 people.

*Cabins—Six winterized and wheel-chair accessible cabins, three non-winterized cabins a bit more distant from the main meeting area. Each cabin has three bedrooms, each with two bunk-beds (e.g., total capacity of 12), and a shared washroom.

Current rates are \$50 Canadian (taxes included) per night for food and lodging. At the current exchange rate, that is US\$32 per night, or a total for the meeting (Thursday evening to Sunday AM) of <US\$100 for food and lodging.

There are several hotels, inns, and B&Bs in close proximity to Canterbury Hills, for those who desire more luxurious accommodations and/or eating facilities (at a higher cost, of course).

4). Air and Ground Transportation Links:

Canterbury Hills is only a few minutes from the main east-west highway (#403) through the Hamilton region. Driving time (at 60mph/100 km/hr) is approximately 1.5 hrs from the Buffalo (NY) airport and 3.5 hrs from Detroit. It is <10 hours drive from Quebec City, Boston, Baltimore, Chicago, Columbus (OH) and Louisville (KY).

Hamilton International Airport is only 15 minutes drive from Canterbury Hills. At present there are flights to/from many locations in Canada but no direct flights from Hamilton to the USA (USAir used to fly to Pittsburgh, but those flights are not currently operating); that could change before 2004. The next closest airport is Toronto (Pearson) International Airport, about 45 minutes driving time from Canterbury Hills, and served by Air Canada, American, Continental, Northwest, Delta, and USAir. The cheapest flights for US residents at present are Buffalo with Southwest Airlines; it is served by most major US airline companies as well. Shuttle vans will be available to pick up people arriving at any of these airports.

5). Meeting Rooms:

The main meeting room is Lions Hall. It can accommodate approximately 150 people. Because it also must serve as the eating facility, we would have to regularly rearrange the room to convert it from tables with benches (dining) to chairs (for presentations) or open concept (for the evening poster presentation). There is a projection screen at one end of the room and

the facility can easily accommodate slide or power-point presentations. A large fireplace at one end of Lions Hall provides a focal point for evening gatherings if the weather is cool.

Farrell Hall, only a few metres from Lions Hall, can accommodate a smaller group of up to 30 people, should there be a need for simultaneous meetings/gatherings.

As mentioned previously, Bothwell House provides the perfect setting for meetings of the Planning Committee for the 2006 International IUSSI meeting, either before or after the NAS/IUSSI meeting.

6). Other Attractive Features of Canterbury Hills and Southern Ontario: Nature, Wines, and World-Class Theatre:

6). Limitations:

The only anticipated problems involve Canada/US immigration. The delay at the border to enter Canada by car are usually not too extensive, but returning to the USA can involve lengthy waits. The same is true if you are traveling by air. You will require appropriate identification (preferably a passport) and, if you are not a citizen of the USA or Canada, a visa may be required. While the immigration situation will continue to change, it should not cause any major hindrances.

Site B: Arizona State University is pleased to submit a bid to host the NAS-IUSSI Breakaway meeting in fall 2004. The meeting site is Camp Tontozona, which is located in Ponderosa pine forest, about 2 hours north of Phoenix. Camp Tontozona is operated by Arizona State University and is located adjacent to the Tonto National Forest. The site and surrounding area have numerous trails, trout fishing, swimming, natural waterfalls, horseback riding, and other nature oriented activities. A football field is available for various outdoor games. The WEB site with information and photos for Camp Tontozona is:

<http://www.asu.edu/purchasing/realestate/tontozona/>

Proposed Date – between mid-September and late October, 2004.

Housing -- Camp Tontozona consists of several lodges, cabins, family units, trailers, and a dormitory that, collectively, can house up to 150 people. Photos of the various housing units are on the web page listed above. Reserving all camp facilities requires a minimum of 70 people.

Food -- Catering service is available with several menu choices that include provision for vegetarians. However, meals are not available for vegans! Kitchens are available in the cabins for those that may have special diet requirements.

Transportation -- Sky Harbor International Airport in Phoenix provides access to all incoming flights. From there, buses can be chartered for the 2 hour ride to Camp Tontozona – with the ride providing an overview of Arizona habitats that range from the hot Sonoran Desert to the cool Ponderosa pine forest. Rental cars are available at Sky Harbor Airport for those that prefer more flexible travel schedules. Additional transportation could be provided by University vans, or a shuttle service that runs from the airport to Payson.

Meeting Site – The dining hall has removable tables to allow conversion into a comfortable meeting area that can hold 150 people. Special equipment such as Powerpoint projectors, etc. will be available through ASU. The dining hall also has sufficient room for poster presentations. The dining hall is used for both talks and meals, and thus tables/chairs need to be set up and taken down during the day.

Alcohol – Alcohol is allowed on site – but ASU prefers that consumption be restricted to indoor areas. However, we may be able to make arrangements to have alcohol outdoors given that we would have the entire facility.

Things that Camp Tontozona does not provide (you need to bring) -- Bedding/sleeping bags, pillow cases (pillows are provided), towels, soap, personal toiletries.

Estimated Per Person Cost for a 4 day meeting at Camp Tontozona Meeting.

Lodging -- \$70.00 (\$13-16/person/night for group rates)

Food -- \$85.00 (Breakfast, lunch, dinner – approximately \$21.00/day)

Transportation - \$30.00 (Round-trip chartered bus – airport to Tontozona)

TOTAL ESTIMATED PER PERSON COST - \$185.00

Contact for questions and additional information: Bob Johnson – atraj@imap1.asu.edu

Site C: University of Puerto Rico, Proposal by Tugrul Giray

Proposed dates August 20 to 23, 2004

With your choice, meeting could be held at Condado Plaza in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The meeting will be organized by Tugrul Giray and sponsored by the PR-EPSCOR and the University of Puerto Rico Department of Biology.

In addition to beaches, coral reefs, tropical rain forest, and historic Old San Juan there are other scientific attractions. Dr. Melissa Gerald, director of the CayoSantiago Research Station of the Caribbean Primate Research Center will help with the meeting, and arrange for visitors to see the free living Rhesus monkey colony on the Cayo Santiago island. A trip to the El Verde Research Station is also being arranged, the site of many ecological research projects on tropical rain forests.

Facilities: Condado Plaza is a five star hotel with 27000 sq. feet meeting and conference facilities. The rooms will be standard rooms with two double beds. Two night stay, breakfasts, lunches and coffee and snacks will be included in the registration fee (200 for non-students, and 100 for students). The hotel is 15 min. from the San Juan International Airport.

Travel: With Jet Blue airlines, roundtrip ticket from NY is 129.00 dollars. From other locations the travel cost would be 250 to 400 dollars (post-9-11 prices).

Support: Because the travel expense may appear limiting, especially for the student members, arrangements have been made with the PR-EPSCOR director Dr. Brad Weiner. A \$5000.00 dollar travel stipend will be given to IUSSI-NAS to aid with travel expenses of contributing student members. An additional full stipend for two non-student speakers is promised by the director of an NIH Minority Research Program, Dr. Jose Enrique Garcia Arraras.

The program book, mailing and handling of registration will be provided by the sponsors. See you in sunny San Juan.

Issue 2: Vote for a candidate for 2003 NAS/IUSSI president:

The nominating committee has chosen and contacted two candidates. Their biographies are below.

James M. Carpenter (American Museum of Natural History). Jim was an undergraduate at Michigan State, then received his PhD at Cornell, where he was a student of George Eickwort. He spent a year as a postdoc at the Smithsonian, with Karl Krombein. He then spent seven years as junior faculty at Harvard, and curator in the Museum of Comparative Zoology; it is not his fault that it was nicknamed the Mausoleum of Comparative Zoology by fellow systematists. Rescued by the American Museum, he has been there the past decade, and is now Curator of Hymenoptera. His earlier systematic work was focused primarily on solitary Vespidae, but since the late '80's it has been mostly on social wasps. His papers were the first cladistic treatments of this group, and over the years he's also managed to publish analyses of termites, social bees and ants as well. He has published more than 100 papers, conducted field work in dozens of countries on six continents, and conducted research in more than 50 museums worldwide. He was previously president of the Hennig Society and the International Society of Hymenopterists, has edited two journals (Cladistics and Journal of the New York Entomological Society), mentored a couple of PhD students while at Harvard, and several more at CUNY and Cornell, where he's adjunct professor (also Columbia).

Diana Wheeler (University of Arizona). I would be happy to serve as president of IUSSI. I enjoyed my time as Secretary Treasurer a few years back and this position is much less work.

I have been a member for an appalling number of years. My favorite part of participating in the organization is meeting young scientists as they begin their research and careers and watching their lives develop. By being active (sometimes) in IUSSI, I enjoy contributing to career development and collaborations.

Fall 2002 NAS/IUSSI ballot

Ballots will be accepted until 15 November 2002, so they can be counted for the NAS/IUSSI business meeting in Ft. Lauderdale.

Issue 1: Choose a site for the 2004 NAS/IUSSI breakaway meeting. Please vote for one site.

_____ **Southern Ontario**

_____ **Arizona State University**

_____ **San Juan, Puerto Rico**

Issue 2: Vote for one candidate for 2003 IUSSI President

_____ **James Carpenter**

_____ **Diana Wheeler**

Write-in: _____

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Reminder: new *Insectes Sociaux* subscription rates

For the first time in several years, there has been a slight change in subscription rates to *Insectes Sociaux*. At the last NAS/IUSSI business meeting, we decided to tie our subscription rates to the price charged by the Swiss publisher Birkhauser. At the meeting we agreed to factor in a \$5 cushion for regular member subscriptions, while student members would pay cost for subscriptions. The new subscription rates are \$72 for regular members, down from \$73. Student rates have increased slightly from \$46 to \$47.50. Membership dues to NAS/IUSSI will remain at \$15 regular members and \$7 for student members.

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