FITCH AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HERPETOLOGY

The Henry S. Fitch Award honors the herpetological spirit of Henry S. Fitch, a distinguished member of the University of Kansas faculty, in perpetuity for his manifold contributions to our understanding of the systematics, ecology, natural history, and conservation of amphibians and reptiles. The award is made by the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (ASIH) to an individual for long-term excellence in the study of amphibian and/or reptile biology, based principally on the quality of the awardee’s research, with consideration given to educational and service impacts of the individual’s career in the field of herpetology. The award is presented at the banquet held in conjunction with the annual meeting of ASIH and includes a cash prize and a commemorative certificate. The award for 2002 was made to Robert F. Inger, Field Museum of Natural History, for his original and insightful studies on the systematics, ecology, and biogeography of the amphibians and reptiles of tropical Africa and southeast Asia. Previous awardees include A. Stanley Rand, David B. Wake, and Jay M. Savage.

Nominations for the 2003 Fitch Award may be made by any herpetologist, including self-nominations, and should include a letter of nomination detailing the nominee’s specific contributions and their impact on the field of herpetology, a curriculum vitae, and any additional supporting materials. All nominations are effective for three years. Nominations must be received by 15 February 2003 for the nominee to be eligible for the 2003 award. Four copies of the nomination materials should be sent to the chair of the Fitch Award Committee, Jay M. Savage, Rana Dorada Enterprises, S.A., 3401 Adams Avenue, Suite A, San Diego, CA 92116-2490. Please no e-mail or FAX nominations.

GIBBS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SYSTEMATIC ICHTHYOLOGY

NOMINATIONS are solicited for the Robert H. Gibbs Jr. Memorial Award for Excellence in Systematic Ichthyology from the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (ASIH). The prize is awarded for “an outstanding body of published work in systematic ichthyology” to a citizen of a Western Hemisphere nation who has not been a recipient of the award. The award is offered annually and consists of a plaque and a cash award (approximately $5000). The award is presented during the banquet held in conjunction with the annual meeting of ASIH. Nominations may be made by any ichthyologist, including self-nominations, and should include the nominee’s curriculum vitae, details of the nominee’s specific contributions and their impacts on systematic ichthyology. Nominations should be submitted by 1 March 2003 for the nominee to be eligible for that year’s award. Nominations will be effective for three years. Four copies of each nomination should be sent to Chair of the 2003 Gibbs Award Committee, Dr. William D. Anderson Jr., Grice Marine Biological Laboratory, College of Charleston, 205 Fort Johnson, Charleston, SC 29412-9110, E-mail: andersowid@cofc.edu or to the ASIH Secretary, Dr. Maureen A. Donnelly, Department of Biological Sciences, Florida International University, 11200 SW 8th St., University Park, Miami, FL 33199, E-mail: asih@fiu.edu.

In July 2002 at the ASIH annual meeting in Kansas City, MO, the award for 2002 was presented to Dr. Joseph S. Nelson, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Alberta, Edmonton, for his outstanding contributions to the systematics of sticklebacks and psychrolutids and publication of three editions of his invaluable book *Fishes of the World*.

REMINDER

ALL abstracts for the 2003 Joint Meeting in Manaus, Brazil, 26 June to 2 July, must be submitted by 21 February 2003. There will be no exceptions to that deadline.