



**THE PALEONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
EMAIL DIGEST**

February 12, 2010

***Happy Darwin's Birthday!***

We have much cause to celebrate on this auspicious day! In 2008, our Society celebrated its Centennial. As part of that celebration, we set out to raise \$250,000 as part of the Society's endowment funds in support of student research. The purpose of this fund is to allow us to provide funding for the student awards without drawing on dues or income from the Society's unrestricted endowment. In addition, the size of the award could be increased.

**Thus, after many generous contributions, I am pleased to announce on behalf of Society and the Centennial Campaign Committee, that we have now reached our \$250,000 goal!**

Thanks to the contributions of over 365 people, we now have individual funds established in honor of Richard Bambach, Arthur Boucot, Kenneth Caster, G.Arthur Cooper, Rodney Feldman, Roger Kaesler, N.Gary Lane, Richard Osgood, Allison (Pete) Palmer, James and Thomas Schopf, Steven Stanley, Robert Stanton and James Dodd, Harry Whittington, and Ellis Yochelson. With so many people giving so generously and honoring so many of our outstanding mentors and colleagues, we hope to continue our efforts in the future.

Many gracious thanks to all those who donated to the Fund. Your generosity is most appreciated.

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**DEADLINES FOR AWARDS/GRANTS/SUMMER PROGRAMS**

**Student Award Deadline**

Applications from student members for a limited number of \$750 grants to support research in any field or aspect of paleontology will be accepted until **February 28, 2010**.

Please consult the PS website for further information

<http://www.paleosoc.org/grantin.html>

**Paleobiology Database**

Analytical Paleobiology Workshop-2010

A five-week intensive training workshop in analytical methods to be held at Macquarie University in Sydney. It will be supported primarily by the Paleontological Society and NESCent. Topics will include biochronology, community paleoecology, diversity curves, speciation and extinction, phylogenetics, phenotypic evolution, and morphometrics. Both simulation modelling and data analysis methods will be employed. Training will combine lectures and labs.



Program Dates: July 7-August 10

Application Deadline: February 15, 2010

Applications should be submitted in PDF format to John Alroy (alroy@nceas.ucsb.edu).

### **Research Opportunities for Undergraduates (US only)**

#### **REU in Biodiversity Conservation**

Program Dates: June 1 - July 30, 2010

Application Deadline: February 15, 2010.

For further information and the online application, please see the website at

<http://www.uncw.edu/earsce/reu/overview.htm>

or contact Patricia Kelley at kelley@uncw.edu.

#### **REU on Bahamian Lakes—Exploring Records of Anthropogenic and Climate Change**

Program Dates: May 26-July 17

Application Deadline: February 28, 2010.

For further information and online application, please see the website at

[http://www3.uakron.edu/geology/Park/Park\\_files/page0010.htm](http://www3.uakron.edu/geology/Park/Park_files/page0010.htm)

or contact Lisa Park at lepark@uakron.edu

#### **Sepkoski Grants for International Research**

The Paleontological Society is pleased to announce continuation of its small grants program for paleontologists living in Eastern Europe and republics of the former Soviet Union. For 2010, the Paleontological Society will award fifteen grants of US \$1000.

These grants will be made directly to individuals and not to institutions. Grantees will be selected by a committee of the Paleontological Society based on the quality and feasibility of the proposed research. Consideration will be given to paleontologists of all levels and begins with graduate student research. **Deadline is April 1, 2010.** Contact Ronald Parsley at [parsley@tulane.edu](mailto:parsley@tulane.edu) for further information or the PS website

<http://www.paleosoc.org/palsirp.html>

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