



Weekly Announcements for Sept 30-Oct. 6, 2007

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Faculty/Staff/Other Meetings

There will **NOT** be a Biological Sciences Faculty meeting Tuesday, October 2, 2007.

Seminars

Dr. Nancy Grimm, Arizona State University, will present a public lecture, "Urbanization of the desert: patterns and processes of a socioecosystem," October 3, 2007 at 7:30 pm in the Black Box Theatre in the Stephens Performing Arts Center. She will also present the Biological Sciences Department seminar, "A long-term perspective on biogeochemistry of desert streams," October 4, 2007 at 4 pm in Lecture Center 10. These lectures are being sponsored by the G.W. Minshall Lecture Series in Ecology.

Publications

Meldrum, D.J. (2007) Ichnotaxonomy of giant hominoid tracks in North America. In: Lucas, Spielmann and Lockley, eds., Cenozoic Vertebrate Tracks and Traces. New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science Bulletin 42:225-231.

Meldrum, D.J. (2007) Renewed perspectives on the Laetoli trackways: the earliest hominid footprints. In: Lucas, Spielmann and Lockley, eds., Cenozoic Vertebrate Tracks and Traces. New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science Bulletin 42:233-239.

Presentations

The following people presented their research at the Wildlife Society's 14th Annual Conference held in Tucson, Arizona on September 22-26, 2007.

Plant responses to herbivory: Effects on biodiversity.

Kelley M. Stewart, R. Terry Bowyer, John G. Kie

Seasonal response of elk and mule deer to forest fuels reduction.

Ryan A. Long, John G. Kie

Young bighorn males: Can they successfully woo females?

Jericho C. Whiting, R. Terry Bowyer

Group dynamics and timing of mating in American bison: Effects of large males.

R. Terry Bowyer, Vernon C. Bleich, Jericho C. Whiting, Kelley M. Stewart

Incubation response to experimental partial clutch loss in American coots.

David J. Delehanty, I. Noah Sparks

Reestablishing mountain quail into south-central Idaho.

Ronald J. Troy, John W. Connelly, David J. Delehanty

Dr. Jack Connelly was awarded the **TWS Fellow** for his exceptional service to the conservation of wildlife. CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS AWARD!

The University of Idaho and Idaho State University hosted a joint reception for Alumni and Friends on September 24, 2007 at the conference.

Dr. Jeff Meldrum will be a featured speaker, together with naturalist Robert Pyle, at the inaugural of the Washington State Historical Society's year-long exhibit, *Giants in the Mountains: The Search for Sasquatch*, in the State Capital Museum, opening October 6, 2007, in Olympia, WA.

Events

Snake River Association for Neuroscience Fall Conference 2007

Thursday 5:00 p.m. October 11th - Saturday, 12:00 noon October 13th

Sun Valley Resort in Sun Valley, ID

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: Abstract submissions due by September 12th. *Check our web site to submit your abstract: <http://www.isu.edu/departments/sran/>.* The preliminary program includes an opening plenary talk by **Dr. Curt Anderson**, Idaho State University, entitled "So, what DO we know about the brain?" The keynote address Friday evening will be presented by Dr. David Linden, John Hopkin's University, "The Accidental Mind."

The 2007 Bioinformatics Workshop will be held, October 12 & 13, 2007.

This year's theme is "Biomedical Bioinformatics" and features training sessions and research talks emphasizing the use of computation approaches for addressing data-intensive biomedical research issues. The keynote speaker is Michael Rosenberg of Arizona State University.

The Workshop will be held in Lava Hot springs at the Aura Soma conference facility. Due to the generosity of our sponsors, the Workshop, receptions and banquet (Riverwalk Thai) are free for registered participants. Space is limited, of course - please contact Workshop organizers Mike Thomas (mthomas@isu.edu) or Heath Ogden (ogdet@isu.edu) to register. Rooms have been reserved at the adjoining motel (Oregon Trail) if you'd like to stay the night (\$59).

20TH ANNUAL-2007 IDAHO CONFERENCE ON HEALTH CARE

Wednesday, October 24-Friday, October 26, 2007

The conference is **free** to ISU Students, Faculty, and Staff (all participants must register to attend).

Visit www.isu.edu/kchp.hlthconf or call 282-3155 for registration information.

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Notices

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR DISTINGUISHED RESEARCHER AWARD OF 2008

This is to announce the call for nominations for the Distinguished Researcher Award of 2008. This award will honor a faculty member who has contributed significantly to the research effort at Idaho State University. This person is honored at the commencement exercises as the Distinguished Researcher and will be given a cash award of \$2,500. The Faculty Research Committee will select a maximum of five (5) Outstanding Researchers from the nominees. The Distinguished Researcher will be selected from that group.

To implement the selection process, the Faculty Research Committee invites anyone who is familiar with a faculty member's research efforts to nominate that person for this award. Any full-time faculty member (tenured or not) who has made a significant, original/creative contribution to advancing the frontiers of knowledge in his or her field may be nominated. Please

send a detailed letter of nomination, which addresses the selection criteria below to the Vice President for Research, Mail Stop 8130, Idaho State University, by **FRIDAY, November 16, 2007**.

The Institute for Tropical Marine Ecology in Dominica, West Indies, has received new grant monies for their 2008 programs and is now offering scholarships of up to \$4,000 off tuition for students with demonstrated financial need. More information on our programs can be found by visiting our website at <http://www.itme.org>

