**COLEOPTERISTS SOCIETY BUSINESS**

**Coleopterists in Ottawa after Montreal ESA Meeting**

*From Robert Anderson.* This is an open invitation for any coleopterists planning to attend the Entomological Society of America/Entomological Society of Canada meetings (December 3–7, 2000) in Montreal to come up to Ottawa on Thursday December 7 through Saturday December 9 to visit the excellent collections of the Canadian Museum of Nature and the Canadian National Collection of Insects at Agriculture Canada. Collections will be open each day for study; loans can be arranged. If you wish to come to Ottawa and work prior to the meetings, please let us know as arrangements will have to be made.

There are two possible ways to coordinate your visit to Ottawa with your stay in Montreal. You can fly in to Ottawa (Air Canada, Canadian, USAir, Business Express [American], etc.) then take the bus or train to Montreal for the ESA/ESC then return to Ottawa following the meeting and later depart directly from Ottawa. Or, you can fly directly into Montreal (make sure it is Dorval Airport) and take the bus or train to Ottawa for the “beetle bash”, then return to and depart from Montreal. There are numerous departures daily for both bus and train service. Ottawa is only a short 2 hour drive from Montreal on 4-lane highway so you might also consider renting a car; however, snow is a definite possibility and can be heavy.

No formal plans are being made to billet visitors in local houses; however, we have made arrangements with the Embassy West Hotel on Carling Avenue (just down the road from the CNC) for a special rate of $89CDN per night double (which includes a hot breakfast buffet). Their phone number is 1-800-267-8696; email, reservations@embassywesthotel.com; FAX 613-729-1600. Please say that you are with the “Beetle People”.

We would appreciate having some idea of the numbers planning to attend and the length of your stay so please email or write to Bob Anderson and let him know of your plans and collections interests. We’ll try to get as much of our newest material available as is possible.

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**Youth Incentive Award**

*From David Furth.* The Society has pledged up to $150 and award recipients will receive a one year subscription to the Coleopterists Bulletin. The objectives of the Youth Incentive Award are to: provide encouragement and assistance to young beetle enthusiasts; provide opportunities to develop important like skills (i.e., leadership, cooperation, communication, planning and conducting a scientific study, and managing funds).

Applications will be evaluated and winners selected annually; one each in junior (grades 7–9) and senior (grades 10–12) categories. Applications for this year must be submitted by 15 November 2000.

Additional details and application forms for the Youth Incentive Award Program can be obtained from: Dr. David G. Furth; Department of Entomology; Smithsonian Institution; Washington, D.C. 20560-0165 (phone 202-357-3146; fax 202-786-2894; e-mail: furth.david@nmnh.si.edu). Also check the Coleopterists Society webpage at http://www.coleopsoc.org.