

NOTICES

ASSEMBLY ON CURRENT AND FUTURE OCEANOGRAPHY

29 September — 3 October 1980
Woods Hole, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

A Public Assembly will be held to mark the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

The Assembly will consist of invited papers on all aspects of oceanography, including scientific, technical, social and institutional affairs, with particular focus on the future development of these fields.

The Assembly follows the Third International Congress on the History of Oceanography (22-26 September), also to be held at Woods Hole.

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"SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF SYSTEMATIC AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY"

This congress will be held at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, 17-24 July 1980.

The provisional list of symposia topics includes: Arctic refugia and the evolution of Arctic biota; Origins and evolution of the north Pacific marine biota; Evolution of reproductive strategies; Evolutionary epigenetics; Evolution of community structure; Green algae and land plant origins; Macromolecular mechanisms in evolution; Allozymes and evolution; Coevolution and foraging strategy; Evolution of colonizing species; Rare species and the maintenance of gene pools; Paleobiology of the Pacific rim.

Those interested in receiving an information circular in the (northern) spring of 1979 should write to:

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RARE AND ENDANGERED SPECIES AND THEIR HABITATS

There is growing concern internationally and within New Zealand about the long-term conservation of native flora and fauna. This concern, which has been brought to the attention of the Nature Conservation Council over the past few years, was highlighted in symposia on *A Vanishing Heritage: the Problems of Endangered Species and their Habitats* at the 49th Congress of the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science (ANZAAS) in January 1979. In response to this concern the Nature Conservation Council is asking for written submission from individuals and organisations on endangered species and their habitats. Comments and information relating to the following aspects will be considered: identification of vulnerable species (plants and animals, vertebrates and invertebrates) and their habitats at risk; research; management; legislation; and education.

Submissions should be forwarded to the Nature Conservation Council, Box 12-200, Wellington North, by 31 May 1979.

Copies of the proceedings of the symposia referred to above are being published by the Council, and will be sent on request. Anticipated publication date is 30 April 1979.