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Arcata Units Awarded at Recent Banquet

Two research units from the Station's Redwood Sciences Laboratory at Arcata received awards at the 24th Annual Spring Conference Banquet of The Wildlife Society-American Fisheries Society. The event took place March 28 in Arcata, Calif.

The Herpetology Group of the Timber/Wildlife Interactions Research Unit, headed by Hart Welsh, received the Conservation Group of the Year award for its efforts in providing Klamath Region wildlife biologists with protocols and methods to survey herpetofauna. Cary Schlick accepted the award for the group.

Bill Zielinski, of the Research Unit, was named Professional of the Year for his work with forest carnivores. In accepting the award, Bill recognized the efforts of his group members in making the award possible, including Rick Truex, Ric Schlexer, Michelle McKenzie, Chet Ogan, Carlos Carroll, and Lori Campbell.

Meetings/Conferences/Seminars

* Station Director Hal Salwasser gave a banquet address, "Coming face-to-face with sustainability in California," at the Xi Sigma Pi Annual Meeting, April 9 at California State Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

* Matt Busse, Soil/Site Productivity Science Team, Redding, gave a talk, "Soil microbes: are they important in moisture-limited forests?" at the Pacific Northwest Forest and Rangeland Soil Organism Symposium, March 17-19 in Corvallis, Ore.

* Ann Dennis, Forest Genetics Research Unit, Albany, presented a seminar, "CalFlora: Developing data resources for the conservation of genetic resources," March 24 at PSW Headquarters in Albany.

* Mike Haverty, Project Leader—Insect Chemical Ecology Research Unit, Albany, made a presentation on "Subterranean termite ecology research at the Institute of Forest Genetics and in residential areas in Marin County," at the 26th Annual Target Specialty Products Seminar Series, Feb. 18 in Anaheim, Calif.

* Carolyn Hunsaker, Sierra Nevada Montane Ecosystems Research Unit, Fresno, presented a poster paper, "Comparative study of associations between landscape patterns and water quality," with coauthors from the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, at the 13th Annual Conference of the U.S. Regional Association of the International Association for Landscape Ecology, March 17-21 in East Lansing, Mich.

German Students Visit Placerville Facility

The Station's famed Institute of Forest Genetics, at Placerville, Calif., hosts visitors from around the world. And so Tom Conkle, Project Leader—Forest Genetics Research, Albany, did not find it particularly unusual that a university professor in Germany asked if a tour of the IFG could be arranged for his students. On March 19, Hans Christian Weber, who teaches at the Philipps-Universitat in Marburg, and a dozen of his advanced students arrived at the IFG and spent the next 2 days there, including staying in IFG accommodations.

To document this visit, a 3-person crew from the German Public Broadcasting Service filmed the full proceedings, for later televising in Germany.

Professor Weber had originally contacted Robert Scharpf with his proposal to visit the IFG. Since retiring as Project Leader of the Station's Forest Disease Research Unit, Bob has maintained his close ties with the IFG and continued to be active in research at the Placerville facility.

At the IFG the students heard Tom talk about the Institute's mission, history, and specialization in molecular and evolutionary genetics. And Bob explained how conservation techniques, results of tree breeding trials, and the use of biotechnology are shared throughout the international scientific community.

After their visit, the students and their professor loaded on to their two vans and began their trek to visit other mountain forests and high desert ecosystems in the western United States.

Job Vacancies

Job Vacancies	Closes
Meteorological Technician, GS-1341-7, Davis	4-14-98
Wildlife Biologist, GS-0486-7, Arcata	4-17-98
Phys. Sciences Tech., GS-1311-5, Riverside (term.)	4-20-98
Staff Assistant, GS-0301-11/12, Albany	4-30-98
Visual Information Specialist, GS-1084-7/9, Redding	5-7-98
Ecologist, GS-0408-7/9, Honolulu/Kosrae	5-8-98
Bio. Sciences Technician, GS-0404-5/6/7, Riverside	5-8-98
Bio. Aid/Technicians, GS-0404-4/5/6/7, various	9-28-98
Wildlife Biologists, GS-0486-5/7/9, various	9-28-98

Correction

Nancy Rappaport was incorrectly identified in the March 30 *FYI* as a coauthor for the research that has been awarded a \$60,600 grant from the National Agricultural Pesticide

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* Bill Laudenslayer, Project Leader, and Roberta Fargo, both with the Sierra Nevada Montane Ecosystems Research Unit, Fresno, presented a poster paper, "Small mammal relations to small scale landscape patterns," at the 13th Annual Conference of the U.S. Regional Association of the International Association for Landscape Ecology, March 17-21 in East Lansing, Mich.

* Jerry Verner, Sierra Nevada Montane Ecosystems Research Unit, Fresno, gave a plenary address, "Managing for spotted owls: fitting conservation strategies to existing forest landscapes," at the 13th Annual Conference of the U.S. Regional Association of the International Association for Landscape Ecology, March 17-21 in East Lansing, Mich.

* Pat Winter, Wildland Recreation/Urban Cultures Research Unit, Riverside, gave a talk, "Where is California heading in the next century and what it means for natural resources management," at the 1998 Regional Wildlife Biologists' Workshop, Feb. 23-26 in Sacramento.

(Correction, contd.)

Impact Assessment Program. Nancy was a reviewer for the project; the project's authors are Bob Powers, Team Leader, and Matt Busse. All are with the Soil/Site Productivity Science Team, Redding.

Executive Calendar

April 13-17

Salwasser M: AL; Tu-Th: Albany; F: Sacramento
Aune M-F: Redding
Bell (Backup) M-W: Albany; Th: Davis; F: Albany
DeMuth M-F: Albany
Ewel M-F: Honolulu
Mason (Acting) M-W: Albany; Th: Sacramento; F: Albany

April 20-24

Salwasser M-F: Albany
Aune M-F: Redding
Bell (Backup) M-Tu: Riverside; W-F: Albany
DeMuth M-F: Albany
Ewel M-F: Honolulu
Mason (Acting) M: Albany; Tu-W: Weaverville; Th: Fresno; F: Albany

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