

## Cave Science News

### TAYLOR NAMED NEW LIFE SCIENCES ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Biospeleologist Steve Taylor, Ph.D., has accepted the position of Associate Editor for Life Sciences of the *Journal of Cave and Karst Sciences*. Dr. Taylor assumes duties from David Ashley, who retired his editorship at the first of the year. Taylor is a researcher in the Center for Biodiversity at the Illinois Natural History Survey, a part of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. His primary professional duties involve assessing aquatic invertebrates in stream habitats throughout Illinois. More information on Taylor is available at his website: <http://www.inhs.uiuc.edu/~sjtaylor/>

### JCKS ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

The *Journal of Cave and Karst Sciences* relies on a nine-person advisory board to help set policy. Board members serve a non-renewable, three-year term. We are pleased to announce the inclusion this year of three people who have served the *Journal* extremely well in the past and will continue to contribute valuable insight and wisdom. David Ashley, PhD, is the retiring Life Science Associate Editor of the *Journal*. Rane Curl, PhD, led a task force in the 1980s that proposed many of the changes we now see in the *Journal*. Andy Flurkey, PhD, served as Editor of the *Journal* from 1986 through 1995.

The *Journal* also thanks the three members stepping off this year, Horton Hobbs, PhD, James Mead, PhD, and James Nepstad. Each contributed to the decision-making process of the *Journal* and helped improved the look and substance of the publication.

### UIS DEADLINES APPROACH

If you contemplate attending the International Congress of Speleology in Brasilia, Brazil, in July 2001, remember some important deadlines approaching. Abstracts are due July 31, 2000. Significant pre-registration discounts are available until June 30, 2000. (Registration will continue to be discounted for the rest of the year but will cost \$40 more). Further information is available (in English) at:

[http://www.speleobrazil2001.org.br/br2001\\_i/index.html](http://www.speleobrazil2001.org.br/br2001_i/index.html)

### INTEGRATED WEB INFORMATION ON KARST

The IAH Karst Commission, IGU Commission for "Sustainable Development & Management of Karst Terrain", and the UIS Commission on Karst Hydrogeology and Speleogenesis have established a single joint Web page. From this page links lead to the particular sites of each body, as well as to a common Info-Board that provides details of meetings, publications, and other news directed to a wide karst commu-

nity. They wish to make it easier for our speleologists to find their information resources while facilitating the further integration of activities and avoiding duplication of efforts.

The joint Karst Page can be accessed by using one of the following URLs:

<http://www.karst-hydrogeology.de/>

[http://happy.carrier.kiev.ua/~klim/UIS\\_KHS/](http://happy.carrier.kiev.ua/~klim/UIS_KHS/)

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### TWO NEW RESEARCH PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE RESEARCH AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The projects "The Phantom Menace: Temporal and Spatial Components of Perceived Predation Risk and Their Impact on Cave Cricket Foraging Strategies" by Kurt Helf of the University of Illinois at Chicago, and "The Human Use of Caves in Madagascar" by Joe Hobbs of the University of Missouri at Columbia, were awarded research grants from the Research and Advisory Committee of the NSS. Those interested in applying to NSS research grants should visit RAC's web page at <http://www.macalester.edu/~envirost/nss>.



Members of the NSS Geology and Geography Section and the Biology Section participated on a pre-convention field trip last summer to the Kane Caves in Wyoming. The trip, organized by Louise Hose and Dave Lester, brought together speleologists specifically interested in sulfur-related speleogenesis. Front row: Doug Soroka, Lynn Kleina; Center row: Carol Hill (standing), Peggy Palmer, Louise Hose, Dave Lester, Art Palmer, Bob Richards, Kathy DuChene, Harvey DuChene, Mike Taylor; Back row: Paula Provencio, Victor Polyak. Photo by Alan Hill.

**HELP WANTED - JOURNAL OF CAVE AND KARST STUDIES EDITOR**

The NSS *Journal of Cave and Karst Studies (JCKS)* Committee is accepting curriculum vitas for a new Editor.

The *JCKS* is published three times annually during April, August and December. It is the refereed, multi-disciplinary publication of the National Speleological Society accepting papers on cave and karst related research. The Editor's responsibilities include maintaining the level of scientific integrity with the seven associate editors (Life Sciences, Conservation, Exploration, Earth Sciences/Journal Index, Social Sciences, Anthropology, Book Reviews), confirmation of publication via the Production Editor and interfacing with the nine member Advisory Board. The *JCKS* Editor submits and is responsible for an annual budget and reports to the Executive Vice President three times per year. *JCKS* annual meetings are generally held during NSS Conventions.

If you are interested in the position, please contact Ray Keeler, NSS Executive VP, rkeeler@pcslink.com.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR:**

Just a few comments on the announcement of a newly discovered cave *Orconectes* from Missouri that appeared on p. 150 of the December 1999 *Journal of Cave and Karst Studies*:

1. The latest American cave crayfishes to be described were *Orconectes sheltae* AND *Cambarus veitchorum*, both of which were described in December 1997 by John E. Cooper AND Martha R. Cooper.
2. The statement that *O. sheltae* "males mature after the age of 40, and individuals may live to 100 years" was based on an incorrect interpretation of data from our studies in Shelta Cave, AL. Those data applied only to *Orconectes australis*, not to *O. sheltae*. Very little is known about the age of maturity or the longevity of *O. sheltae*.

None of this, of course, is meant in any way to detract from the striking discovery of a cave *Orconectes* in Missouri. I'll be very interested to ultimately learn what its closest relatives might be.

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