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UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

ST. AUGUSTINE, TRINIDAD, W.I.

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY AND PLANT PATHOLOGY



14th November, 1963

OUR REFERENCE: _____

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Antigua,
GUATEMALA, C.A.

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

I have much pleasure in informing you that at the Council Meeting for the Association for Tropical Biology held at Barro Colorado Island, Panama, from November 4 - 8, 1963, you were unanimously elected a Fellow of the Association.

Under the By-Laws of the Association the Council may elect persons of long and distinguished service to tropical biology as Fellows of the Association and the number of Fellows shall not exceed fifty at any one time.

At the Barro Colorado meeting the first nine Fellows were elected and their names and the citations are attached.

I do hope that you will accept this election as a Fellow of our Association, and I should be grateful if you would let me know whether you will honour the Association by so doing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. W. Purseglove".

J. W. Purseglove
President

Association for Tropical Biology



THE FIRST FELLOWS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR TROPICAL BIOLOGY

ELECTED BY THE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 7, 1963.

FR. THOMAZ BORGMEIER, BRASIL

For his notable work on tropical ants and Phorids and his guidance to students of tropical entomology. Editor of Revista de Entomologia, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil.

ISAAC HENRY BURKILL, GREAT BRITAIN

Retired Director of the Botanic Gardens, Singapore, for his outstanding work on the ethnobotany and taxonomy of Indian and Malayasian plants, in particular his studies of Old World Dioscoreaceae, and for the steadfast way in which he has continued his research during nearly forty years of retirement. Author of the scholarly Dictionary of the Economic Products of the Malay Peninsula.

ANGELO MOREIRA DA COSTA-LIMA, BRASIL.

For his outstanding contribution to teaching and research in neotropical entomology. Author of the monumental Insetos do Brasil.

HENRY ALLAN GLEASON, U.S.A.

Retired Head Curator of the New York Botanical Gardens, distinguished ecologist and student of the systematics of the Melastomaceae, explorer of British Guiana and teacher and preceptor of many tropical biologists.

HERMAN J. LAM, NETHERLANDS

Retired Director of the Rijksherbarium, Leiden, distinguished student of the flora and vegetation of Indo-Malaysia, explorer of New Guinea and Indonesia, and inspiring teacher of many outstanding tropical biologists.

CHARLES HERBERT LANKESTER, COSTA RICA

For his distinguished contributions to the knowledge of tropical ornithology, lepidoptera and principally and more recently orchids and bromeliads. His knowledge, co-operation and assistance to other students in these fields, as well as in the general field of nature in the tropics during the past sixty years, has been of outstanding benefit to tropical biology.

WILLIAM H. PHELPS, VENEZUELA

Director of Coleccion Ornitologica Phelps, Caracas, for his distinguished contribution to the collection and literature of South American birds.

WILSON POPENOE, GUATEMALA

In addition to his outstanding work on tropical and sub-tropical fruits, he has been responsible for the education and training of many young men in the field of tropical biology both through personal contact and encouragement, as well as through his position as the first Director of the Escuela Panamericana at Zamorano, Honduras.

ALEXANDER WETMORE

Retired Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, distinguished ornithologist and student of tropical biology, whose personal example and encouragement have stimulated numerous young biologists to make their careers in the tropics.

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Antigua, Guatemala, 2 December 1963

Dr. J.W.Purseglove,
University of the West Indies,
St. Augustine, Trinidad, W.I.

Dear Doctor Purseglove:

Your letter of 14 November, which came as quite a surprise, is deeply appreciated. It is scarcely necessary for me to say that I gratefully accept election to Fellowship in the Association for Tropical Biology.

Kindly advise me regarding membership dues or other obligations, and I shall be interested to learn where the next meeting is to be held, in case I may be able to attend.

Cordially yours,

Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus

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Dr. Wilson Popenoe,

Antigua,

GUATEMALA.

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ST. AUGUSTINE,
TRINIDAD, W.I.

10th December, 1963

OUR REFERENCE: ATB

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Antigua,
GUATEMALA. C.A.

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

Thank you for your letter of the 2nd December. I am glad to hear that you have accepted the election as a Fellow of the Association for Tropical Biology. This carries with it no obligations, but should you wish to become an active member you should send me the dues of US\$1.00 for the year 1963/64. This will be increased to US\$2.00 for 1964/65.

No future meeting of the Association for Tropical Biology is at present contemplated, but needless to say you will be informed of the future activities of the Association.

Yours sincerely,

J. W. Purseglove
President
Association for Tropical Agriculture.

UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES
IMPERIAL COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE
ST. AUGUSTINE, TRINIDAD, W.I.

31st December, 1963.

Dear Member,

I must apologise for the delay in communicating with you on the affairs of the Association for Tropical Biology, Inc. This delay is due largely to the long time taken to effect incorporation as a non-profit organisation of the Association in the State of New York which was completed and filed on June 19, 1963, and the turning over of the affairs of the Association to the elected Officers and Council on October 8, 1963. I am grateful to Dr. Bassett Maguire for the very great deal of time and work which he gave in connection with the incorporation. Until this had been completed it was not possible to hold a meeting of the Council. However, the Council and the Chairmen of Committees met at Barro Colorado, Panama, on November 5/7, 1963 and I am pleased to report that, despite the short notice, every member of the Council attended.

The Council meeting was very profitable and full discussions took place on the future of the Association, which it is hoped will lead to substantial progress and help us to achieve our objectives.

I enclose for your information a brief history of the Association. This will be published in Bulletin No. 2 which has now gone to press. This Bulletin will also include a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation and the By-Laws, and a list of members with addresses and, where available, their research interests. As Bulletin No. 2 will not be ready for a few weeks and will have to be sent out by surface mail, I am sending you this letter and the enclosure by airmail. After perusal you might like to pass on the enclosure to some person who may be interested in the A.T.B. and who may contemplate becoming a member.

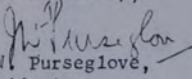
Dr. J. Robert Hunter, our Editor, will undertake the production of Bulletins 3 and 4 (see page 6 of enclosure) which we hope will be published in 1964.

I would like to thank all members who have paid their dues for 1963/64 and would be grateful if those who have not yet paid them could send U.S. \$1.00 to our new Secretary/Treasurer - Dr. Howard S. Irwin, The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx Park, Bronx 58, New York. (see postscript below).

It is hoped to organise a meeting in Edinburgh of those members who attend the Xth International Botanical Congress in August 1964.

With all good wishes for the New Year,

Yours sincerely,


J. W. Purseglove,
President,
Association for Tropical Biology.

- P.S. 1. Thank you for your 1963/64 dues.
2. ~~I would be grateful if you would send your 1963/64 dues to Dr. Irwin.~~

THE ASSOCIATION FOR TROPICAL BIOLOGY, INC.

The Association for Tropical Biology was founded on July 6, 1962, at the conclusion of the Neotropical Botany Conference held at the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, Trinidad, now the Faculty of Agriculture of the University of the West Indies. This Conference was attended by thirty delegates and six observers from Holland, Latin America, U.S.A., and the West Indies. The Proceedings of the Conference were published in Trinidad on November 26, 1962, in Bulletin No. 1 of the Association.

Objectives.

The Association is international in scope, membership and objectives, and it is intended that it should function as an international body to promote research, education and communication for all tropical biology. In the first instance, however, initial emphasis is placed on the extension of these efforts towards neotropical biology, but it is hoped to extend the work to the whole field of tropical biology.

The objectives of the Association are:

1. To promote an awareness among as wide a public as possible of the importance of tropical biology, its scope and its needs.
2. To encourage research and investigation in all phases of tropical biology.
3. To promote and support the education and/or interchange of students, teachers and investigators in this field.
4. To promote and improve co-operation and communication among investigators.
5. To encourage the improvement of existing facilities, and when desirable to encourage the establishment of new facilities to attain these objectives.
6. To aid in the establishment or improvement of collections of both living and preserved materials.
7. To encourage the preservation of essential selected natural areas in order to safeguard this important heritage for posterity, and to promote the preservation of gene pools for the use, instruction and satisfaction of mankind.

With these objectives no scientist, and indeed no perceptive citizen of any country can take issue. It is not claimed that these objectives are unique to the Association. Many national and international organizations attempt to further them. Biologists throughout the world have become increasingly aware that strong and immediate steps must be taken to co-ordinate existing knowledge and provide new knowledge about the plants and animals of the tropics, to attract new and enthusiastic students into professional biological fields, and to preserve representative natural areas. The founders and members of the Association for

Tropical Biology believe that the responsibility for realizing their objectives is their responsibility as individuals and as scientists. The Association has therefore been founded independent of any national or regional organization already in existence as a free Association of individuals with common goals.

Membership.

Membership of the Association is open to all those who are interested in tropical biology. The annual membership dues for the years 1962/63 and 1963/64 were \$1 US., but for founder and active members these will be increased to \$2 U.S. as from July 1, 1964. Founder members are active members who joined the Association before July 1, 1963. Provision is also made for student members who are duly registered students in a bona fide educational institution and who pay annual dues, which at present are \$1 U.S. The fiscal year of the Association begins on the 1st July.

The number of founder members is 668 and new active members continue to be enrolled since July 1, 1963. Many biologists have stressed the need for such an Association and have promised active support. Although the majority of the members are from the New World, many countries in the Old World are represented in the membership. It can thus be seen that considerable interest is being shown in our new Association.

A list of all members will be published in Bulletin No. 2 early in 1964.

Officers and Council.

The Trinidad Conference on July 6, 1962, appointed the following Executive Committee to work out details of the new Association: J.W. Pursglove, Chairman, Tobias Lasser and Bassett Maguire, Members. This Committee met at Port Antonio, Jamaica, December 17-21, 1962 with the Executive Committee of the Continuing Conference on Problems on Education and Research in Tropical Biology which had been held at the Universidad de Costa Rica, San Jose, April 23-27, 1962, and consisted of John De Abate, J. Robert Hunter and Jay E. Savage, who declared that Conference dissolved and merged with the Association for Tropical Biology.

The officers of the Association are the President, who holds office for one year, the President-Elect, and Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, and the Editor, elected for a term of five years. These officers are members of the Council, which also includes six other Councillors who are normally elected for a period of two years.

The following officers and Council members for the year 1963/64 were nominated by the Jamaica meeting and have since been elected by members of the Association in a postal ballot:

President: John W. Pursglove, University of the West Indies, Trinidad.
President-Elect: Norman E. Hartweg, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, U.S.A.
Secretary/Treasurer: Howard S. Irwin, New York Botanical Gardens, U.S.A.
Editor: J. Robert Hunter, Tropical Science Center, San Jose, Costa Rica.

Councillors: Jose C. de M. Carvalho, Conselho Nacional de Pesquisas,
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
John De Abate, Universidad de Costa Rica, San José, Costa Rica.
Joel W. Hedgpeth, Pacific Marine Laboratory, La Jolla
California, U.S.A.
Tobias Lasser, Instituto Botánico, Caracas, Venezuela.
Bassett Maguire, New York Botanical Garden, U.S.A.
Paul W. Richards, University College of North Wales, Bangor, U.K.
A. C. Smith, The Smithsonian Institution, Washington, U.S.A.

The full Council and Chairmen of the Committees (see below) met on Barro Colorado Island, Panama, November 4-8, 1963, and the report of this meeting will be submitted to members.

Committees.

The Council of the Association appoint Committees which deal with the various aspects of its work. The President is a member of all the Committees. With the exception of the Executive Committee, members of Committees must be members of the Association but need not be Councillors.

The following Committees were appointed at the Jamaica meeting, with certain additions made at the Panama meeting, and members will hold office during the year 1963-64.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Consisting of the President and not less than two other Councillors who exercise all the powers of the Council when the Council is not in session.

John W. Purseglove, Chairman, University of the West Indies, Trinidad.
Tobias Lasser, Instituto Botánico, Caracas, Venezuela.
Bassett Maguire, New York Botanical Garden, U.S.A.

FINANCE AND GRANTS COMMITTEE.

Consisting of the Secretary-Treasurer and not less than three other members who shall plan and conduct the finances of the Association.

Bassett Maguire, Chairman, New York Botanical Garden, U.S.A.
Jose C. de M. Carvalho, Conselho Nacional de Pesquisas, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
Norman E. Hartweg, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, U.S.A.
Howard S. Irwin, New York Botanical Garden, U.S.A.
A. C. Smith, The Smithsonian Institution, Washington, U.S.A.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Consisting of the Editor, who shall be Chairman, and not less than two other members, to act as the Editorial Board of all publications of the Association.

- J. Robert Hunter, Chairman, Tropical Science Center, San Jose, Costa Rica.
C. Dennis Adams, University of the West Indies, Jamaica.
Harold Heathwole, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.
Willis C. Pequegnat, Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas, U.S.A.
Bernice G. Schubert, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

To plan programmes and evaluate proposals designed to increase opportunities for education and research in tropical biology.

- Jay M. Savage, Chairman, University of Southern California, Los Angeles 7, U.S.A.
James S. Bethel, University of Washington, Washington, U.S.A.
Ray F. Dawson, Columbia University, New York, U.S.A.
John De Abate, Universidad de Costa Rica, San Jose, Costa Rica.
Joel W. Hedgpeth, Pacific Marine Laboratory, La Jolla, California, U.S.A.
Guillermo Mann, Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile.

EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND INVESTIGATORS COMMITTEE

To study opportunities for the exchange of students, teachers and investigators, and plan programmes to extend such opportunities and to advise in the selection of individuals qualifying for participation in exchange programmes.

- Herbert Baker, Chairman, University of California, Berkeley, U.S.A.
Ramon Ferreyra, Universidad de San Marcos, Lima, Peru.
Efraim Hernandez, Escuela Nacional de Agricultura, Chapingo, Mexico.
A. D. Skelding, University of the West Indies, Jamaica.
Marta Vannucci, Universidade de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil.

PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

To plan programmes to encourage the establishment and improvement of courses in conservation in secondary schools in the tropics and the establishment and development of natural preserves and wild life refuges.

- Stanley Cain, Chairman, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, U.S.A.
Harold J. Coolidge, Pacific Science Board, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
E.J.H. Corner, The Botany School, Cambridge, U.K.

PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (continued)

Tobias Lasser, Instituto Botánico, Caracas, Venezuela.

H. E. Strang, Centre de Pesquisas Florestais, Conservação de Natureza, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

E. B. Worthington, The Nature Conservancy, London, U.F.

Incorporation and By-Laws

At the meeting of the Executive Committee held in Jamaica, December 17-20, 1962, it was deemed necessary for reasons of expediency that the Association for Tropical Biology should be incorporated as a non-profit organization in the United States. This Committee also drew up a draft Constitution and By-Laws which, with appropriate emendation, have become the document of incorporation. The incorporation took much longer than was anticipated, but incorporation in the State of New York was completed and filed on June 19, 1963. To satisfy the requirements of incorporation, it was necessary to name five Councillors to serve in New York. These temporary Councillors were Bassett Maguire, A.C. Smith, Norman E. Hartweg, William C. Steere and Howard S. Irwin, and a quorum of three of them met in New York on October 8, 1963, together with legal counsel of Lord, Day & Lord, who very kindly drew up gratis the Certificate of Incorporation, in order to declare the Association for Tropical Biology to be legally formed and to turn over its affairs to the Officers and Council elected by the members.

The Certificate of Incorporation and the By-Laws will be published in Bulletin No. 2.

Finance

Without the interest and the generous financial support of the National Science Foundation of Washington, the Association for Tropical Biology would never have come into being. The National Science Foundation provided grants for the Neotropical Botany Conference, Trinidad, July 2-6, 1962, at which the Association for Tropical Biology was founded, the meeting of the Executive Committee in Jamaica December 17-20, 1962, and the meeting of the Council and Committee Chairmen at Barro Colorado, Panama, November 4-8, 1963. They had also provided grants for a meeting at the Fairchild Tropical Garden, Miami, May 5-7, 1960, which was the forerunner of the Trinidad Conference, and for the Conference on Problems in Education and Research in Tropical Biology held in San Jose, Costa Rica, April 23-27, 1963, this latter body later merging with the Association for Tropical Biology. Officers of the National Science Foundation attended as observers at all these meetings except that at Barro Colorado. The National Science Foundation also gave a grant towards the publication of Bulletin No. 1. The Council and Members of the Association for Tropical Biology are most grateful to the National Science Foundation for their support and interest.

The University of the West Indies has helped by providing free secretarial help and administrative assistance, a grant towards publication of Bulletin No. 1, stationery and postage.

Most of the money accruing from membership dues for the years 1962-63 and 1963-64 is still intact. Nevertheless the present modest dues of \$1 U.S. per annum for 1962-63 and 1963-64 and \$2 U.S. for 1964-65 will not even suffice to pay for the publication of two numbers of the Bulletin per year and the general running of the Association. Additional funds are being sought elsewhere. In due course it is hoped that funds may be found for the appointment of a paid Executive Director.

Bulletin.

The Bulletin of the Association for Tropical Biology is the organ for the dissemination of information, news and notes reflecting the activities of the Association and on developments and activities in tropical biology, and for communication between members. It is not intended that it should be a vehicle for original research papers.

Bulletin No. 1, xv + 120 pp., contained the Proceedings of the Neotropical Botany Conference held at the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, Trinidad, July 2-6, 1962. This was published in Trinidad on November 26, 1962, and was sent to all founder members who joined before December 31, 1962. Unfortunately, the great demand for this number was not foreseen and only 700 copies were printed; these are now exhausted.

Due to the delay in incorporating the Association no Bulletin was published in 1963. Bulletin No. 2 has now gone to press and will appear early in 1964. It will be sent free to all members. It will contain the Certificate of Incorporation and the By-Laws, and a list of Members with their addresses and research interests. It is hoped to print 1,500 copies of this and subsequent numbers.

It is hoped that in the future two numbers of the Bulletin will be published annually for distribution free to members. Copies will also be available for purchase by institutions, booksellers, etc. From Bulletin No. 3 onwards it is intended that information will be given on the activities of all the Standing Committees and the material gathered by them and will include the following: information on fellowship opportunities and exchanges available; information on tropical research in progress, expeditions and explorations; information on new stations or research centres to amplify the Keck-Hodge report given in Bulletin No. 1, 107-120, reports on significant ecological contributions which will keep zoologists informed on work in plant ecology and botanists on work in animal ecology; notices of monographs and books on tropical biology; selected or special bibliographies; review articles of selected aspects of tropical biology; regional reports and news of members and activities by different areas of the tropics; names and addresses of new members, changes of addresses, etc.; requests for information or materials.

Fellows

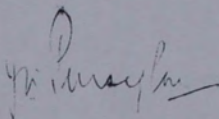
Under the By-Laws the Council may elect persons of long and distinguished service to tropical biology as Fellows of the Association and the number of Fellows shall not exceed fifty at any one time. At the Council Meeting at Barro Colorado, November 5-7, 1963, the following persons were unanimously elected the first Fellows of the Association:

Thomas Borgmeier, Brazil
Isaac Henry Burkill, Great Britain
Angelo Moreira da Costa Lima, Brazil
Henry Allan Gleason, U.S.A.
Herman J. Lam, Netherlands.
Charles Herbert Lankester, Costal Rica
William H. Phelps, Venezuela
Wilson Popenoe, Guatemala
Alexander Wetmore, U.S.A.

Further Information

All dues should be paid to the Secretary-Treasurer: Dr Howard S. Irwin,
The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx Park, New York 58, New York, U.S.A.

Anyone requiring further information in regard to the Association for Tropical
Biology should apply to Dr Irwin or to Professor J. W. Pursglove, The Imperial
College of Tropical Agriculture, University of the West Indies, St Augustine,
Trinidad, West Indies.



J. W. Pursglove
President 1963/64
Association for Tropical Biology

Trinidad
31st December, 1963