

Notes & News

A New Marine Research Station at Guaymas, Mexico

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In August 1962 a group of doctors and university professors interested in marine biology and promotion of research organized and incorporated as a non-profit corporation in the State of California under the name of "Sea of Cortez Marine Research Center". Collectively, this group has made in excess of 150 trips to the Gulf of California and points south. Several individuals are past members of a research organization that has worked extensively in such widely separated places as the Marshall Islands, Red Sea, and the Galapagos.

It was felt that a research center in the area being investigated should be established so that scientists can work up their material as it is collected or observed and avoid the plague of collecting huge quantities of specimens only to have it sitting around gathering dust until someone, perhaps years later, has time to study it.

Plans have progressed to the point where a large portion of land, located on the shore of a small protected cove on the northern part of Bacoahibampo Bay, Guaymas, Mexico, has been made available by the civic leaders in Guaymas. This has been purchased by the group, and through town officials, friends in the government, and Captain Xavier Mendoza, a director of the group, yards of "red tape" have been cut so that as money becomes available building can be started on the "Center" proper. It will be designed so that living quarters can be provided for visiting workers, and adequate laboratory space can be adapted to various projects. Plans

call for aquaria that will be at the disposal of investigators. Future plans include field stations in remote areas and an oceanographic vessel. This new facility will be open to any qualified investigator working in any field of biological or physical science.

Sixteenth Annual Meeting American Malacological Union Pacific Division

The 1963 meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Malacological Union will be held on the campus of the University of California at Santa Barbara, June 26 through June 29, inclusive. Reservation blanks and a Call for Papers will soon be in the mail to members.

Anyone interested in malacology or conchology is welcome to attend. Membership in the A. M. U. is invited; annual dues are \$3.00, with an extra \$1.00 for each additional member in a family. Another 50¢ is charged for Pacific Division members; this goes toward defraying the separate costs of the western meetings.

Non-members of the A. M. U.-P. D. who wish to be placed on the mailing list of the Pacific Division may send their names and addresses, together with 50¢, to Mrs. Fay Wolfson, Treasurer, 3336 Poe Avenue, San Diego 6, California.

As we anticipate a large attendance, all who plan to attend are urged to send in their reservation blanks as soon as possible. Many interesting papers have been promised, and several overseas collectors have indicated their plans to be with us this year. You may meet some of your foreign correspondents for the first time in person — don't miss this meeting!

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