

Tropical Biology Section - Annual Report

The Tropical Biology Section, in collaboration with the Association for Tropical Biology (ATB), co-sponsored two symposia during the IBC, one on "Coastal sand dunes: their ecology and restoration," organized by Marisa Martínez and Roy Lubke, the other on "Phenological studies on tropical plant communities," organized by Patricia Morellato and Lucinda McDade. The Section allocated all its funds for FYs 98-99 and 99-00 of \$1400 to support the attendance of symposium speakers from tropical countries at IBC.

The Section's treasurer, Andrew Douglas, has accepted a position in the Biology Department at the University of Mississippi (adouglas@olemiss.edu).

The Section currently has 305 members, and it would be appropriate for it to (co)sponsor a contributed paper session, or one of the symposia, planned for the BSA's Portland meeting next year. If you have information about symposia that have to do with the tropics or know of coming contributed papers that might usefully be grouped and then in some way supported by the Section, please contact Susanne Renner (biosrenn@admiral.umsl.edu)