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Marine Invertebrate Taxonomists**

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NEXT MEETING:

9:30-10:00am	Business meeting
10:00-11:00am	"Distribution of Invertebrate Fauna on Pinnacles in Carmel Bay, Ca."
11:00-12:00am	Report on Fourth Intl. Polychaete Conference
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00-3:00pm	Workshop: Preparation of Taxonomic Publications

GUEST SPEAKERS:

10:00-11:00am	Philip Bairrington- California Department of Fish and Game
11:00-12:00am	Larry Lovell- private consultant, Ann Dalkey- Hyperion and Dr. Kirk Fitzhugh- Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History (LACMNH)
1:00-3:00pm	Drs. Mas Dojiri- Hyperion and Kirk Fitzhugh- LACMNH

DATE: September 15, 1992 ****note Tuesday not Monday**

LOCATION: Times Mirror Room of LACMNH ****note change of
location**

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SEPTEMBER 14 MEETING: Philip Bairrington, California Department of Fish and Game, will present slides and video on "Vertical Zonation Patterns of Rocky-wall Communities in Carmel Bay". A report on the Fourth International Polychaete Conference, Angers, France will include an oral presentation by Dr. Kirk Fitzhugh (LACMNH) titled "A Cladistic Analysis of Polychaete Families", and poster presentations of Larry Lovell, Ann Dalkey and Karen Green. Larry will also present a brief slide show highlighting conference activities.

MINUTES FROM MEETING ON AUGUST 10:

Dr. Bruce Thompson of the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) submitted a proposal to the U.S. EPA to produce a master species list of benthic infauna of the Southern California Shelf. This proposal is part of an effort to create a regional monitoring program. He requested that SCAMIT be the subcontractor in the production of this list. One of the problems discussed was whether SCAMIT can receive money as payment and still remain a non-profit organization. There were also concerns about publication, use of, and authorship rights to the list. More information is needed from SCCWRP before SCAMIT can sign a contract.

The rest of the morning was spent talking about SCAMIT's master species list. Tom Parker of the Los Angeles County Sanitation District has combined species lists of the four major discharging agencies with Leslie Harris' updated polychaete list. This combined list will be sent to the contributing agencies to verify that their portion of the list is correct and clarify any other problem areas. It will then be distributed to the membership for comment.

The provisional species list was reviewed in the afternoon. The individuals who originally identified the specimen as provisional were added to the list. These people will be contacted to determine if they intend to publish a description of the species or if they know who is working on it. If no publication is pending, then other members of SCAMIT may be solicited to publish it.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

The October 19 meeting (note: third Monday of the month) will be on Diastylid Cumaceans presented by Tony Phillips of the Hyperion Treatment Plant. The meeting will be held at the Cabrillo Marine Museum, San Pedro, Ca. Please contact Tony and inform him of any taxonomic problems or interesting specimens you may have of Diastylids.

The November 16-17 meeting (note: third Monday and Tuesday of the month) will be an Amphipod Workshop given by Dr. E. L. Bousfield of the Royal British Columbia Museum, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. The meeting will be at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History, Los Angeles, Ca. Dr. Bousfield will emphasis Phyletic classification of amphipods and the rational for it, and provide a preview of his forthcoming west coast amphipod guide book, coauthored with Craig Staude.

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