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### III International Conference on Dormice (Rodentia, Gliridae)

The Third International Conference on Dormice (Rodentia, Gliridae) will be held at Mošćenička Draga, Croatia, from 10 October to 13 October 1996. The Conference will consist of oral presentations, poster papers and video presentations (all in English). Further information: Secretariat of 3rd International Conference on Dormice, Croatian Natural History Museum, Demetrova 1, 41000 Zagreb, Croatia, tel: + + 38 51 42 86 28, fax: + + 38 51 42 49 98.

### Buchbesprechungen

BIRNEY, E. C.; CHOATE, J. R. (Eds.): **Seventy-five Years of Mammalogy (1919–1994)**. The American Society of Mammalogists: Special Publication No. 11, 1994. 433 pp., 140 ill., 15 tabs. ISBN 0-935868-73-9

This book was published on occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the American Society of Mammalogists. In 21 chapters, each of them written – on average – by two authors, a detailed account is given of both the history of the American Society of Mammalogists, its functionaries and publications, and the development of various disciplines in the field of mammalogy. In particular, chapters 1–8 report on the origin of the society, provide biographies of its presidents, awardees, and some prominent members, and trace the major schools and research traditions within the community of mammalogists in the United States. They further analyze past and present topics and trends in publications of the society, report on committees and meetings, and give an outline on developments as to membership and finance. Chapters 9–21 are devoted to brief reviews of past achievements and present trends in taxonomy, paleomammalogy, biogeography, anatomy, physiology, reproduction, molecular systematics, cytogenetics, population ecology, community and ecosystem ecology, natural history and evolutionary biology, behavior, and conservation and management, with special emphasis, respectively, on the contribution of North American researchers.

For those interested in the development, the organization and the research interests of mammalogy in the United States, this Special Publication will provide a rich source of details. Especially the sections on the origin and the ramification of the various schools of mammalogists in the United States, on the history and scope of the various publications of the Society as well as the review chapters on mammalian disciplines may be of interest also to European mammalogists.

However, it is apparently beyond the scope of the book to give an outline of the history and development of mammalogy in general, as the title may suggest. Except for some honorary members (from Germany: MAX WEBER, ERNA MOHR, and KLAUS ZIMMERMANN), there is also almost no reference to European mammalogists, neither in the section on prominent members nor in the chapters reporting on scientific development in disciplines of mammalogy.

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