

## **The Cockayne Research Fellowship For studies on variation in British Lepidoptera**

The *Cockayne Trust*, founded by E. A. Cockayne in 1951, was set up for the promotion, encouragement and study of entomology by making improvements to and furnishing information about the Rothschild-Cockayne-Kettlewell Collection. The "RCK", devoted solely to the study of British Lepidoptera, is part of the National Collection of Insects and is maintained by the Natural History Museum at South Kensington. Within the spirit of the original Cockayne Trust Deed, the Trustees have now set up *The Cockayne Research Fellowship*, a separate charity linked to and supported by the *Cockayne Trust*, to stimulate new work on British Lepidoptera.

Applications are invited to *The Cockayne Research Fellowship* for awards to support original research on variation in British Lepidoptera. Awards are limited to a maximum of £ 1,000 per year and, depending on progress, may be renewable annually for a maximum of three years. Applications are welcome from amateur and professional lepidopterists alike.

Projects must concern original research on variation (genetic, phenetic, taxonomic, geographical or phenological) affecting one or more species of Lepidoptera within the British Isles. Successful applications are likely to involve proposals to work on early stages in addition to adults, and at least in part, be based on, re-interpret, or otherwise take into account, information already stored in the RCK collections, and will be expected to add new material to it. A yearly report will be required by the Trustees, on which any consideration of renewal will also depend. At the end of the project (maximum of three years), a final report will be required and publication of the results will be expected, if appropriate. A further grant could be requested to assist with publication, if required.

Anyone interested should obtain an application form by writing to the Trustees of The Cockayne Research Fellowship, c/o The Keeper of Entomology, The Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD. The Trustees of the Fellowship have sole responsibility for all matters connected with disbursement of *Fellowship* funds, and their decisions on all matters, including choice of candidates, levels of award and renewals, will be final. Applications should be received by 1st March each year.

Donations, or other contributions, to either the *Cockayne Trust* or *The Cockayne Research Fellowship* are also invited ; enquiries about contributions should be directed to the Keeper of Entomology, at the same address.