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## B.C.G. NEWS

The Cardiff Conference report has not yet emerged, but is with the printers and should be ready in the near future.

Grosvenor Museum, Chester: The collections are in the process of dispersal to other institutions. It is hoped to summarise the details in a future Newsletter.

Sothebys are reported to have said that they will stop selling protected species material, which can only be legally bid for by Museums and licensed persons.

Special Publications Officer: Committee has decided to recommend the adoption of this additional post in view of the extra load placed on the Newsletter Editor by recent occasional publications.

Cardiff Conference 1986 - CANCELLED - (∴ it won't precede the report on the previous one!)

### Working Party on Natural Science Collections Resources

The Williams Report was due to be approved for publication at the Museums Association December meeting. B.C.G. Committee has not yet been able to examine the Report.

British Museum (Natural History): Before using the B.M.(N.H.) as an identification service, please note that you must now expect a charge for the service. You are best to check with the relevant person there first. B.C.G. Committee were very concerned about this development and our views will be expressed at a future Specialist Groups meeting. G.C.G. have also expressed their concern.

Subscriptions: Committee voted to recommend a rise to £6.00 individual and £10.00 institutional for 1987. Any subs for 1986 remaining unpaid after the A.G.M. will be charged at the new, higher rate (if approved).

Advertising: Adam Wright has generated income of £75.00 from advertising; a fine achievement.

FENSCORE are having discussions with the Royal Society for money to replace Bill Pettitt.

National Federation for Biological Recording is holding its inaugural conference at the Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge on 14 to 16 April 1986. see the details enclosed in this Newsletter.

The Federation has also produced its Newsletter number 2, (January 1986)