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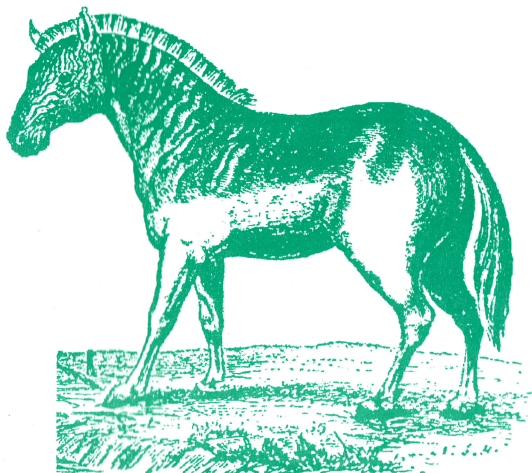
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NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to another BCG Newsletter. This issue contains another mixture of the fascinating, the essential, the tragic and the downright farcical. As claimed by another, less august, publication "All human life is there". I would like to thank all those members whose contributions have enabled another full length issue to be assembled. Contributions are of course still welcome from anyone who has a snippet for general consumption and I would particularly encourage the new recruits to our curatorial ranks to contribute something. Please remember that this is not the Royal Society and all that is required is that your note should be of interest to other members. It does not (yet) have to be extensively researched, refereed and packed full of esoteric references. The one plea I would make (again) is that for anything other than a short note contributors send their piece on disk, preferably using Wordperfect 5.1, as this makes assembling an issue so much easier. Please note that the list of back issues of the newsletter as promised in the last issue will now be included in the next along with a list of the specialist publications held by BCG.

By the way, just to continue the pessimistic theme of recent editorials, ASC Newsletter for October 1993 includes notes on a paper given at an ICOM meeting at which details of a fire at the Saskatchewan Natural History Museum in Regina. Self ignition of polyurethane foam during the construction of an exhibit was blamed for the fire which proved difficult to pinpoint as parts of the security system had been disabled during the improvement works. All specimens nearby were coated with a thick, sticky soot. The motto is of course to have a disaster plan, never to leave buildings unpatrolled during building works, and to have smoke containment measures built into any new planning or upgradings for buildings.

BEETLE DOWN LEAFLET - UPDATE

BCG's stock of Beetle Down leaflets is now nearly exhausted and this is perhaps just as well considering the number of changes which apply to the address list. There are plans for a re-print of the leaflet and these can only go ahead after a total revision of the list.

To refresh your memories the list is included here with some revisions added for NW England and Scotland. PLEASE CAN YOU CHECK THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:-

1. That you and your museum are included.
2. That the address and telephone number are current.
3. That you have an * if you qualify for one.
4. Any other museums that you know about are not left out. (I do not mind how many bits of duplicated information I receive so long as I do receive it.)

Please send your replies to:-

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Inverness Museum and Art Gallery
Castle Wynd
INVERNESS IV2 3ED
(Tel: 0463 237114)

by 30 January 1994

All of these museums provide a biological (natural history) service, but only those marked * employ a qualified biology curator:

SCOTLAND

* **Aberdeen University Museum,**
Dept of Zoology, Tillydrone Ave, Aberdeen AB9 2TN.
Tel: 0224-272849