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Annual Travel Grant

The Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections (SPNHC) is pleased to announce a NEW Travel Grant Program designed to assist members with the costs of attending the Society's annual meeting. The first grants will be available for attendance at the 2010 meeting of the Society in Ottawa. A total of \$3,000 has been allocated to the program and grants will be for a minimum of \$750 USD each.

Applicants and Awardees' Requirements

Applicants should be members of the Society. Preference will be given to graduate students or emerging professionals in fields related to the management and conservation of natural history collections. Applicants from the institution(s) hosting the meeting will not be eligible.

Awardees are required to make either an oral or poster presentation at the meeting and to be first author on the presentation. Receipt of the grant is contingent on the acceptance of the applicant's abstract by the meeting local committee. As part of the conditions of the grant, successful applicants will also be required to produce a short article (1,000 words) based on their presentation for publication in the *SPNHC Newsletter*.

SPNHC Membership Application

To become a SPNHC member, please visit www.spnhc.org. Click on the Membership tab and scroll down to the form. Please mail the application to the address listed on the bottom of the form.

Travel Grant Application

Applicants should submit the following:

- A completed application form [need url for download].
- A letter of recommendation from the applicant's supervisor or major graduate advisor.
- A statement (maximum 350 words) from the applicant describing how attendance at the meeting will benefit them.
- An abstract for the paper/poster they intend to present.
- An estimate of the total costs for travel and accommodation.

Application Submission, Deadline, and Review Process

These documents should be emailed to jprice@mus-nature.ca. The deadline for applications is **March 31st, 2010**. The 2010 SPNHC Conference Local Organizing Committee will review the grant applications and select recipients. Successful applicants will be notified by April 9th, 2010. If you are not able to attend the SPNHC annual conference, please notify the Conference Local Organizing Committee as soon as possible to ensure the grant can be awarded to another deserving applicant.

General Information

General enquiries about the SPNHC Annual Travel Grant program can be sent to spnhctravelgrants@yahoo.com

About SPNHC

The Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections (SPNHC) is a global organization composed of a lively, active, and interdisciplinary community of professionals dedicated to the care of natural science collections. SPNHC members are museum specialists; such as curators, collections managers, conservators, preparators, and database administrators, from more than 20 countries. The Society holds annual meetings and sponsors symposia and workshops to foster the exchange of ideas and information. To learn more about SPNHC please visit www.spnhc.org