A Change in MBE

The Society for MBE has been activated. But first, the setting. The society, duly registered with the Wisconsin Secretary of State in 1981, was originally created as the editorial board of this journal, for the purpose of assuring that scientists were in control of the journal and its policies. That was their only function until June 12, when about 60 scientists, attending the International Conference on Molecular Evolution at Penn State, formally activated the society, for the purposes of overseeing the journal and promoting further interdisciplinary activity between molecular and evolutionary biologists. Those present adopted a set of bylaws and elected a council. The members of the council are W. Fitch, president; M. Nei, president elect; L. Maxson, secretary-treasurer; and B. Hall, to succeed as the new editor of MBE, starting with volume 11. In addition, in the absence of an immediate past president, an interim term of 1 year on the council was given to Caro-Beth Stewart.

The conference was very successful, and it was decided that this should be done annually. The next one will be held at UC-Irvine, July 8–10, 1993, under the auspices of the society. Concern was voiced that we not isolate ourselves from other societies with overlapping interests, and so meetings overlapping partially or totally with other societies are contemplated. We have received tentative feelers from the Society for the Study of Evolution (Athens, Ga) and from some European colleagues, for 1994.

Finally, the society decided that all subscribers to MBE shall be members of the Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution. We solicit your participation. Benefits, besides receiving MBE, may include reduced rates and fees at the annual conferences. Those interested should take advantage of the reduced introductory subscription and membership values in the insert in the back of this issue. Welcome.

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