Message from AIBS President
Joseph Travis

On behalf of the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS) Board of Directors and staff members, thank you for your interest in our organization and programs. I am pleased to share our 2015 Annual Report, which provides a valuable illustration of the many ways we are working to provide the national leadership required to advance the biological sciences for the benefit of science and society.

AIBS is at the forefront of providing high-quality, vetted information to members of our community and to external decision-makers, such as research program managers and federal policymakers. We also work to provide current and future biologists with the information and resources required for professional and career development, whether through improved communication, access to novel research findings, or important discussions about how the research enterprise is changing. Our programs include the highly regarded scientific publication, *BioScience*, a nationally recognized Scientific Peer Advisory and Review Services program, and a science policy program that is helping to shape our nation’s research and science education policy.

I am pleased to report that in 2015 with support from the National Science Foundation, AIBS continued its efforts to foster the development of a more sustainable and networked community of biodiversity scientists and natural history collections institutions. Through our leadership of the Biodiversity Collections Network (BCoN), we convened an important workshop that identified seven ways the biodiversity collections, research, and communications communities could better coordinate and leverage their resources to advance common interests. These recommendations were included in a white paper and are now being implemented by BCoN and other national organizations.

In 2015, we expanded our successful Leadership in Biology initiative. During the year, we convened monthly programs where experts shared insights about cutting-edge issues related to topics such as bias in peer review and factors influencing federal funding for science. Our 2015 Leadership in Biology series culminated with an important, in-person workshop that explored education and training needs for our biological informatics workforce. This meeting, cosponsored by 11 national organizations, was held in Washington, DC, in conjunction with our annual meeting of the AIBS Council of Member Societies and Organizations. The workshop report, which will be released in 2016, includes recommendations for scientific societies, journal editors and publishers, current scientists, and academic institutions.

In addition to these endeavors, the AIBS journal, *BioScience*, continued to serve as a forum for integrating the life sciences through its publication of highly impactful synthesis, forum, and viewpoint articles. *BioScience* ranks 7th in the category of general biology journals with an annual impact factor of 5.524 and a five-year factor of 6.397. We also continued to publish feature articles written for scientists, students, and the general public. These articles help biologists stay informed about developments from other areas in the life sciences as well as inspire students to learn more about emerging research fields. True to our commitment to translate science for decision-makers and the public, we also launched the *BioScience* Talks Podcast program. Each month *BioScience*’s senior editor interviews an author of a current article. These interviews provide authors with an opportunity to expand on their research programs in a way that is easily accessible to a wide audience.

AIBS has a proud history of helping to shape our nation’s scientific enterprise. We are also ambitious and see many new opportunities to work with our partners to make even greater contributions to science. Therefore, in 2014, we initiated a process of transforming our organization so that we are even better positioned in the years ahead to lead the community of biologists and to ensure that decisions are informed by the best possible science. As you have learned above and will see in the following pages, this process of transformation is well underway.

I hope that you share our desire to advance scientific discovery and will join with us to press forward the frontiers of knowledge.

[Signature]
Joseph Travis
President
**Who We Are**

The American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) scientific association dedicated to informed decision-making that advances biological research and education for the welfare of society. AIBS was formed with a vision of uniting the organizations and individuals that advance the biological sciences to address issues of common concern. Founded in 1947 as a part of the National Academy of Sciences, AIBS became an independent, member governed organization in the 1950s. Today, AIBS has more than a hundred member organizations and is headquartered in Reston, VA, with a Public Policy Office in Washington, DC. Its staff members work to achieve its mission by publishing the peer-reviewed journal *BioScience* and the education website ActionBioscience.org; by providing scientific peer review and advisory services to a variety of clients; and by collaborating with scientific organizations to advance public policy, education, and the public understanding of science.

AIBS works with any individual or organization that shares our commitment to advance the field and profession of biology. Organizations and individuals partner with us on initiatives, work with us to identify and communicate matters of common concern, and help connect us to their communities for idea and information exchange—particularly regarding public policy, education, public understanding of science, and matters of professional concern. AIBS has individual members and member societies and organizations that contribute financially to our work. AIBS has clients ranging from government agencies to biological societies and other nonprofits that use our expert services for a fee.

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**Our Vision**

We envision AIBS as an organization that informs and leads research, education, and policymaking at the frontiers of the life sciences. AIBS will be the go-to organization for biology, recognized for catalyzing efforts that advance the field, improve the profession, and bring discoveries to a broad audience.

**Our Mission**

The mission of AIBS is to enable scientifically informed decision-making. Toward this end, we work to build the capacity of our communities to advance research and education in biology. AIBS listens; anticipates; advises; collaborates; and leads efforts in the life sciences community to address scientific and societal challenges.

**How We Achieve Them**

Today, AIBS works toward its outcomes through three programmatic divisions:

- **Scientific Peer Advisory and Review Services** for research applications and ongoing programs sponsored by funding organizations, including governmental, private, and nongovernmental research funding organizations.

- **Community Programs** advance the field by providing national leadership on issues related to science policy and education, and supports professional development through communication and advocacy training initiatives and our Leadership in Biology series.

- **Publications**, including authoritative reports, analyses, and the peer-reviewed journal, *BioScience*, which serves as a forum for integrating the life sciences and applying that knowledge to important societal challenges.
Scientific Peer Advisory and Review Services

The AIBS Scientific Peer Advisory and Review Services (SPARS) program works to ensure that scientific funding organizations use independent, highly credible, expert peer review services for evaluating proposed research and assessing ongoing/completed research to enable the most meritorious science.

The SPARS program was established in 1963 to perform peer review and related scientific support services. Since then, AIBS has partnered with a diverse group of funding organizations (private foundations, government entities, academic institutions, and nonprofit research entities) and has supported a wide range of missions. We facilitate all forms of independent, expert scientific peer review, and our 501(c)(3) nonprofit structure provides clients with a cost-effective, external, and objective perspective.

We provide support services for every aspect of a research program’s life cycle. The SPARS program is equipped to recruit non-conflicted subject matter experts, deploy necessary information technology (IT) tools, provide the programmatic leadership needed for efficient project management, provide the logistical and administrative support functions that program managers require, as well as provide a wide range of other services that ensure a high quality peer review and scientific program.

As a Valued Partner in Science®, we help our clients obtain expert analyses that inform decision-making. In 2015, the SPARS program supported the review of tens of millions of dollars worth of proposed research. This work led to several million dollars of funded research in a wide range of fields, including stem cells, marine systems, breast cancer, secondhand tobacco smoke exposure, and physical therapy.

We continuously analyze and review our services in order to maximize the value we provide to our partners. SPARS staff members also perform novel research on aspects of peer review to inform the development of best practices. As a nonprofit scientific organization, we publish our findings in the scientific literature so that the scientific community at large may benefit from our work.

As part of our organizational commitment to advance science and inform decision-making, we are fostering a community-wide discussion about peer review that will enhance the integrity of the scientific process. To this end, in 2015, we organized a series of online meetings to share research findings (our own and others) and to help promote community-wide discussions about the growing body of research on peer review.

The AIBS SPARS team also advances the peer review field with our IT platforms and services. Dedicated IT staff members support and extend our SCORES® software suite, which we developed to promote the efficient management of the peer review process, including project management, reviewer contracts and collection of subject matter expertise ratings, and the generation of final critiques reflecting all aspects of discussion relating to proposal merit.

Part of our full-service approach also includes managing IT infrastructure that supports our partners’ needs, such as ensuring server performance and fidelity of data imports and exports. Our staff members are also skilled at building custom proposal receipt software and developing other online resources.

Becoming a Peer Review Center of Excellence through dedicated client work and research on peer review.

Afton S. Carpenter et al. “A retrospective analysis of the effect of discussion in teleconference and face-to-face scientific peer-review panels” BMJ Open. 8 September, 2015.

Publications

Through our publications program, AIBS publishes peer-reviewed articles in our journal, BioScience, which help biologists, funders, policymakers, educators, and the general public make informed decisions relating to the life sciences.

In ActionBioscience.org, AIBS publishes issue-based articles written and edited for a readership of students and educators. The articles cover topics related to six bioscience content areas: environment, biodiversity, genomics, biotechnology, evolution, and science policy. The site also provides resources for educators to help them effectively integrate ActionBioscience.org content into their teaching. A significant amount of the content on ActionBioscience.org has been translated into Spanish, which has significantly increased the number of individuals globally who are able to access and use these resources.

In 2015, BioScience explored connections between ecosystem functioning and human health and endeavored to identify more research that employs modern genomics techniques. AIBS continues to expand the reach of BioScience, as it did in 2014, when we established a new publication partnership with Oxford University Press. In 2015, monthly podcasts ("BioScience Talks") were implemented to bring attention to notable scientific research that was published in BioScience. These programs are gaining listeners each month, and a focus of the organization in 2016 will be to further increase the number of individuals accessing these programs.

Providing high-quality biological information to scientists, students, educators, and the general public.
Community Programs

Community Programs is home to AIBS’s membership services, science policy and communications programs, Leadership in Biology initiative, scientific programs and workshops, and science education efforts. Uniting this work and connecting these initiatives to other AIBS programmatic areas supports our organizational goal to promote informed decision-making that advances biology for the benefit of science and society.

In 2015, AIBS conducted an internal review of its programs to identify where we can best focus our human and financial resources to achieve the greatest impact for our members and partners. As a result of this review, AIBS ended its relationship with the Coalition for the Public Understanding of Science (COPUS), and we suspended some of our education programs until a sustainable and clear focus for this work is identified. AIBS continued to address education issues through programs such as our 2015 Council of Member Societies and Organizations Meeting. This workshop-style meeting brought national leaders together to develop recommendations for how the nation can ensure that we are properly developing the biological informatics workforce.

AIBS’s commitment to unite the life sciences community around shared concerns, offer career development opportunities to biologists, and engage the public, educators, and policymakers in issues that require their support was aided by the expansion of our Leadership in Biology series. This initiative brings thought leaders and the broader community together for timely discussions of issues of common concern, such as bias in peer review, factors influencing federal investment in science, and how changing societal expectations are influencing the sustainability of scientific societies.

We continued to lead national efforts to advocate for science policy that advances biology through increased funding and supportive laws and regulations. We worked independently and through coalitions of scientific societies, scientists, policymakers, and others who share our goals to develop and share high-quality, reliable, and vetted information with lawmakers. Throughout 2015, we also worked aggressively to address the perennial problem of insufficient investments in research and education and to promote policy that addresses other community-wide concerns, such as political interference with science.

Making an impact on Capitol Hill.

90 meetings held in 2015 with lawmakers

5% increase in federal science funding in FY 2016 as a result of advocacy efforts
Information Technology Office

Information technology (IT) platforms and services are a primary medium through which AIBS’s audience benefits from our efforts. Through our IT infrastructure and services, our members, partners, and clients are able to easily engage with our programs, whether that involves using an ActionBioscience.org article in a classroom, participating in a peer review panel organized by SPARS, engaging with a member of Congress through our online advocacy programs, or participating in a Leadership in Biology webinar on a cutting-edge topic in biology.

In 2015, AIBS’s IT staff members contributed to those endeavors and more, always with an eye toward finding the most cost-effective and appropriate technology for a given goal and programmatic objective. Additional examples of IT initiatives in 2015 include the completion of a large adoption of time- and money-saving cloud technologies that offer improved scalability and reliability; providing flexible proposal submission applications for new SPARS clients; streamlining data formats for proposal submissions; and continuing efforts to support communication in AIBS’s virtual work environment.

Our IT initiatives continue to provide the technology tools and services that efficiently enable and support the work AIBS does to inform decision-making and decision-makers for the advancement of science and society.

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AIBS Looking Forward

In 2016, AIBS will continue to work with our members and partners to lead national discussions that gather and synthesize the information that will inform decisions by policymakers, program managers, scientific organization leaders, educators, and the general public.

Our staff members will continue to conduct research and publish findings that inform best practices in scientific peer review. We will also continue to use this research to foster organized discussions about peer review. Toward this end, we plan to convene a workshop in 2016 that will generate recommendations about the strengths and needs of peer review in the rapidly changing scientific environment.

In 2016, our publications program will expand our BioScience Talks program. We will also continue to publish our high-impact monthly journal, BioScience. The journal will continue its goal of publishing a broader representation of research in the life sciences and has sought to increase the number of articles it publishes on human health-related topics, particularly where human health is influenced by the environment.

In 2016, AIBS will provide additional opportunities for individuals to participate in our communication and advocacy training programs, as well as offer additional topical programs via our Leadership in Biology series. Further, our Public Policy Office will work with leaders from biodiversity collections organizations and scientific societies to advance the recommendations included in the Implementation Plan for a Network Integrated Biocollections Alliance. AIBS, the Natural Science Collections Alliance, and the Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections will continue to collaborate on a national initiative—the Biodiversity Collections Network—to build a new, networked national community capable of sustaining the nation’s commitment to digitizing natural science collections and their associated data. We will also continue to work with stakeholders to develop community-wide actions for improving data integration across fields, promoting responsible policy for data access, and implementing actions to address biological informatics workforce needs.
2015 Board Roster

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Joseph Travis
President
Department of Biological Science, Florida State University (2013–present)

Joseph Travis is a Professor of Biology and past Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at Florida State University. His research studies the ecology of natural selection using experimental techniques. He is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and in 2005, he served as President of the American Society of Naturalists. In 2011, he won the E. O. Wilson Naturalist Award from the American Society of Naturalists. Along with colleague Michael Ruse he is co-editor of Evolution: The First Four Billion Years (Harvard University Press 2009). He holds a Ph.D. from Duke University.

Karen Schmaling
Vice President

Karen Schmaling is a Professor of Psychology and former Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs at Washington State University Vancouver, having previously served as Dean of the College of Health and Human Services at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She also holds an appointment as Affiliate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Washington School of Medicine. Her research has focused on the psychology of chronic illnesses. Her administrative leadership accomplishments have included strategic planning, assessment and support initiatives for faculty activities and recruitment, and programs for student engagement and retention. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of Washington.

John Tobin
Treasurer
Sustainability Affairs Credit Suisse (2013–2015)

John Tobin is Head of Public Policy - Sustainability Affairs at Credit Suisse, where he has responsibility for managing the bank’s engagement in a variety of environmental and social matters. In addition to his legal and business background, his experience includes doctoral work with E. O. Wilson on the diversity and ecology of arboREAL ants. He currently serves or has recently served on the board of directors of the Amazon Conservation Association and of the Organization for Tropical Studies, and he was a member of the Committee on International Environmental Law of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. He holds a Ph.D. and J.D. from Harvard University.

Judy Skog
Secretary
Department of Environmental Science and Policy, George Mason University (2014–2016)

Judy Skog is Professor Emeritus of Environmental Science and Policy at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA, and a consultant for the Office of the Assistant Director of Biological Sciences, NSF. Past appointments have included Division Director for Biological Infrastructure at the NSF. Her research focuses on the evolution of ferns. Her service in scientific societies includes having been president of the Botanical Society of America and having been a member of the Committee for Vision and Change in Biology Undergraduate Education at the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She holds a Ph.D. from Cornell University.

Past AIBS Presidents
Throughout its history, AIBS has benefited from the leadership of many distinguished individuals on its Board. The list of presidents is presented below and also online: https://www.aibs.org/about-aibs/past_aibs_presidents.html. To ensure better continuity in AIBS’s vision, AIBS Presidents are now required to serve for two consecutive years, with the potential for re-election.

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2012 Susan Stafford
2011 James P. Collins
2010 Joseph Travis
2009 May R. Berenbaum
2008 Rita R. Colwell
2007 Douglas J. Futuyma
2006 Kent E. Holsinger
2005 Marvalee H. Wake
2004 Joel Cracraft
2003 Gary S. Hartshorn
2002 Gene E. Likens
2001 Judith S. Weis
2000 Alan P. Coveich
1999 Gregory J. Anderson
1998 Gary W. Barrett
1997 Frances C. James
1996 John E. Burris
1995 W. Hardy Eshbaugh
1994 Harold A. Mooney
1993 Diana W. Freckman
1992 Thomas Lovejoy
1991 Paul G. Risser
1990 Paul R. Ehrlich
1989 John P. Jordan
1988 Boyd Strain
1987 H. Edward Kennedy
1986 W. Donald Duckworth
1985 C. Herb Ward
1984 Peter H. Raven
1983 Kendric C. Smith
1982 Forest Stearns
1981 Winslow R. Briggs
1980 Beatrice M. Sweeney
1979 Paul B. Siegel
1978 Paul G. Pearson
1977 George Cries
1976 Robert Gordon
1975 David M. Gates
1974 George Sprugel, Jr.
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1959–1960 James G. Dickson
1957–1958 Wallace O. Fenn
1954–1956 H. Bentley Glass
1952–1953 Ted C. Byerly (Chairman)
1951 Frank P. Cullinan (Chairman)
1949–1950 Elmer G. Butler (Chairman)
1948 Ralph E. Cleland (Chairman)
John Burris is President of the Burroughs Wellcome Fund. His previous positions include President of Beloit College, Director and CEO of the Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratory, and Executive Director of the Commission on Life Sciences at the National Research Council/National Academies. He holds a Ph.D. from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California, San Diego.

Michael Cato is Chief Information Officer at Vassar College, leading its IT strategy and operations, including academic computing, infrastructure, support, and administrative systems. Previous positions include Interim Vice Chancellor for IT and CIO at UNC Charlotte. Affiliations include the Educause Management Institute and the IT Senior Management Forum. He holds a B.S. in Zoology from Andrews University and an M.B.A. from Wake Forest University.

James Collins is a Professor of Biology at Arizona State University (ASU) and former Assistant Director for Biological Sciences with the National Science Foundation. He serves on various committees for the U.S. National Science and Technology Council. His research at ASU studies the origin, maintenance, and reorganization of morphological variation within species, focusing on host-pathogen biology and its relationship to the global decline of amphibians. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.

Muriel Poston is Dean of Faculty and Vice President of academic affairs at Pitzer College. Her previous positions include that of Dean of Faculty at Skidmore College and that of Deputy Division Director at the National Science Foundation. Her research interests are in plant systems and in environmental law and policy. She holds a B.S. from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a J.D. from the University of Maryland.

Susan Stafford is a Professor of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management and Dean Emerita in the Department of Forest Resources, University of Minnesota. She has served on numerous National Science Foundation panels and committees, including the Advisory Committee for the Biological Sciences, and the Long Term Ecological Research Network. She holds a Ph.D. from the College of Environmental Science and Forestry, State University of New York.

Charles Fenster is a Professor of Biology at the University of Maryland, College Park. His research is focused on using plants as model organisms to study how adaptations evolve. He has served as Executive Vice President of the Society for the Study of Evolution and has worked with AIBS to achieve common goals, especially with regard to influencing science policy through lobbying. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

David (Chip) Leslie is Leader of the U.S. Geological Survey’s Oklahoma Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit and Adjunct Professor of Natural Resource Ecology and Management at Oklahoma State University. He has served in numerous leadership positions with the American Society of Mammalogists and AIBS. His research focuses on mammalian ecology, particularly large herbivores and their conservation. He holds a Ph.D. from Oregon State University.

Eric Nagy is an Assistant Research Professor of Biology at the University of Virginia, and Associate Director of the Mountain Lake Biological Station, a part of the Organization of Biological Field Stations. His research is focused on the ecological, reproductive, and selective dynamics driving the evolution of natural plant hybrid populations. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of California, Davis.

Alan Savitzky is a Professor in and the Head of the Department of Biology at Utah State University. Previously, he was on the faculty of Old Dominion University, Virginia, and has served as a program director in the Division of Biological Infrastructure at the National Science Foundation. He research studies the integrative biology of amphibians and reptiles. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Kansas.

Teri Balser is Dean of Teaching and Learning at Curtin University in Perth, Australia. She was formerly the Dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and Professor of Soil and Water Science at the University of Florida. Her research focuses on microbial communities and ecosystem response to anthropogenic disturbances such as climate change, invasion, or restoration. She teaches regularly and delivers faculty/professional development workshops. She holds an A.B. degree from Dartmouth College and a Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley.

Steward Pickett is a Plant Ecologist with the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies whose work is focused on the role of spatial heterogeneity in community and landscape structure and dynamics. He is also project director of the Baltimore Ecosystem Study, which works to improve understanding of how a large urban region functions as an ecosystem. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
AIBS generates its revenue through the contractual services provided by SPARS, journal subscriptions, grants and contracts, membership dues, and donations. AIBS has been strategically controlling costs—including a reduction of office space leased and an increase in telecommuting for staff—while developing new or expanded revenue lines to ensure the financial health and long-term vitality of the organization.

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- American Malacological Society
- American Museum of Natural History
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- American Public Garden Association
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- American Society of Mammalogists
- American Society of Naturalists
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- American Society of Plant Taxonomists
- American Society of Primatologists
- Animal Behavior Society
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- Arkansas State University
- Association for Politics and the Life Sciences
- Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography
- Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation
- Association of College & University Biology Educators
- Association of Ecosystem Research Centers
- Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum
- Biodiversity Institute – University of Kansas
- Biological Sciences Curriculum Study
- BioQUEST Curriculum Consortium
- Bishop Museum
- Botanical Society of America
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- California Academy of Sciences
- California Botanical Society
- Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation
- Coastal Education and Research Foundation
- Columbus Technical College
- Cooper Ornithological Society
- Cornell University
- Crustacean Society
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- Denver Museum of Nature and Science
- Ecological Society of America
- Entomological Society of America
- Florida Dept of Ag & Consumer Services
- Genetics Society of America
- Harvard University-MCZ
- Helminthological Society of Washington
- Herpetologists' League
- Hiram College
- Human Anatomy & Physiology Society
- iDigBio
- Illinois State Museum
- Instituto de Geologia Museo de Paleontologia
- International Association for Bear Research and Management
- International Association for Landscape Ecology, U.S. Division
- International Society for Ecological Modelling
- Kent Prior Parks Canada Agency
- Lepidopterists' Society
- Long Term Ecological Research Network
- Louisiana State University-MNS
- Michigan State University
- Mississippi Museum of Natural Science
- Missouri Botanical Garden
- Mycological Society of America
- National Association of Marine Laboratories
- National Shellfisheries Association
- National Tropical Botanical Garden
- Natural Areas Association
- Natural History Museum-LA County
- Natural Science Collections Alliance
- New York Botanical Garden
- North Carolina Museum of Natural Science
- Occidental College-MLZ
- Organization of Biological Field Stations
- Paleontological Society
- Phycological Society of America
- Poultry Science Association
- Purdue University, Dept. of Entomology
- Queens University of Charlotte
- Radiation Research Society
- San Diego Natural History Museum
- Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History
- Sitka Sound Science Center
- Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology
- Society for Conservation Biology
- SDSU Natural Resource Management
- Southern Appalachian Botanical Society
- Southern California Academy of Sciences
- Southwestern Association of Naturalists
- St. Joseph's University, Biology Department
- Texas A&M University
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