

### Grants and opportunities on the Web

A new ecology Web page of bulletin boards will post grant opportunities and encourage scientists and land managers in the USA to exchange research ideas. Those who are looking for ecology research funding or information on which species to study may find this site a good place to start ([www.cnie.org/exchange.htm](http://www.cnie.org/exchange.htm)).

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### Ecovolunteer website

Ecovolunteers can go to places not accessible to tourists and help local organizations with their conservation projects. Projects can be selected according to country, species and type of involvement: research, conservation, education or care. For more information contact Vladimir Bologov, The Ecovolunteer Program; E-mail: [info@ecovolunteer.org](mailto:info@ecovolunteer.org); Web: [www.ecovolunteer.org/](http://www.ecovolunteer.org/)

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### Crocodile workshop held in Uganda

A workshop on the management and health of crocodiles was held in Uganda, East Africa from 14 to 15 September 1999. One day was devoted to lectures on the biology, health, welfare, legal status and conservation of crocodiles and the other consisted of practical work at Buwama Crocodile Farm. The tutors were Dr Gladys Kalema MRCVS, Mrs Margaret E. Cooper LLB and Professor John E. Cooper FRCVS.

Further information about this workshop—or future similar ventures planned in Uganda—is available either from: Dr Gladys Kalema, Uganda Wildlife Authority, PO Box 3530, Kampala, Uganda (E-mail: [gkalema@starcom.co.ug](mailto:gkalema@starcom.co.ug)); or Professor John E. Cooper, Wildlife Health Services, PO Box 153, Wellingborough NN8 2ZA, UK (E-mail: [NGAGI@compuserve.com](mailto:NGAGI@compuserve.com)).

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### Salim Ali International Award for Nature Conservation

The Bombay Natural History Society has recently introduced this biannual award to recognize the work of an individual (of any nationality) working in the field of protection, management and conservation of natural resources, including population, wildlife, pollution and hazardous materials control, education, information and legislation. The biannual award of Rs 100,000 (plus citation) is open to any individual making an outstand-

ing contribution to the management and conservation of the environment consistent with the policies, aims and objectives of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Further information and application forms are available from: The Director, Bombay Natural History Society, Hornbill House, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Road, Mumbai 400 023, India; Tel.: +91 22 282 1811; Fax: +91 22 283 7615; E-mail: [bnhs@bom3.vsnl.net.in](mailto:bnhs@bom3.vsnl.net.in)

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### Grants for primate conservation research

Primate Conservation Inc. (PCI) is a non-profit foundation, which funds research that supports conservation programmes for wild populations of primates. Priority is given to projects that study the least known and endangered species in their natural habitat. The involvement of citizens from the country in which the primates are found is desirable. The grant is intended to provide support for original research that can be used to formulate and to implement conservation plans for the species being studied. All appropriate projects will be considered but the regions of current interest are Asia and west Africa.

Eligibility: PCI will grant seed monies or provide matching grants for graduate students, qualified conservationists and primatologists. The average grant is approximately \$US 2200, with a maximum of \$US 5000.

Selection criteria: Proposals are evaluated on a competitive basis and applications are screened by outside reviewers and the Board of Directors of PCI. Applicants should submit five typed copies of grant applications, double-spaced, in English. There are two deadlines each year: 10 February and 20 September. For an application or further information contact Noel Rowe or Abigail Barber, Primate Conservation Inc., 163 Town Lane, East Hampton, New York 11937-5000, USA (Tel./Fax: +1 516 267 6856; E-mail: [74225.2342@compuserve.com](mailto:74225.2342@compuserve.com)).

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### Expeditions to Belize's Barrier Reef

Raleigh International would like to hear from graduate or postgraduate marine scientists, preferably aged over 25, with experience of underwater survey work, to take part in a European-Union-funded study of the effects of sediment on Belize's Barrier Reef. As a marine scientist on one of Raleigh's two dive sites, applicants would be responsible for supervising teams of young (17-25

years) volunteers undertaking surveys of the inner margins of the reef over a 3-month period. Key requirements for the role are: a relevant qualification, fieldwork experience and a diving qualification to BSAC Sports Diver or equivalent standard. All Raleigh expedition staff are volunteers, and are normally required to pay their international travel costs and a contribution towards food, insurance and equipment costs.

Expedition dates: February–May 2000 and June–September 2000. For further details contact the Projects Office, Raleigh International, 27 Parsons Green Lane, London SW6 4HZ, UK (Tel.: +44 171 371 8585; E-mail: [brian@raleigh.org.uk](mailto:brian@raleigh.org.uk)).

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### **Royal Geographical Society grants for expeditions and field research**

The Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers) provides financial assistance through various grant schemes, gives 'Approval' to selected projects, and provides wide-ranging advice and services through the Expeditionary Advisory Centre. In 1999, the Society gave almost £20,000 in

grants for expeditions and field research to over 85 scientific and conservation projects. Among the grants available are: the Ralph Brown Expedition Award, which gives £15,000 annually to the leader (over 25 years of age) of a research expedition associated with the study of rivers, wetlands or the shallow (less than 200 m) marine environment; the Gilchrist Expedition Award, which gives £10,000, in even-numbered years, to small teams of (usually British) university academics and researchers, undertaking a field season of over 6 weeks and is intended for original and challenging overseas research that is of potential applied benefit to the host country; Individual Travel Awards, including a £500 grant for overseas travel involving biological study, which has no age qualification; and Expedition Research Grants, which are allocated twice a year, in March and October, to scientific teams carrying out field research overseas. Individual grants are up to £3000, with over £50,000 available per annum. For further information contact Mrs Shane Winser, Expeditionary Advisory Centre, RGS-IBG, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR, UK (Tel.: +44 171 591 3030; Fax: +44 171 591 3031; E-mail: [eac@rgs.org](mailto:eac@rgs.org); or Elliot Robertson, Communications Officer (Tel.: +44 171 591 3008).