

Florida Academy of Sciences

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From the Executive Director

This is the busiest season of the year for the central office as we process applications and other material relating to our upcoming Annual Meeting. Thanks to all of you who have renewed your membership and sent your meeting registrations in early. The systems we set up two years ago operate smoothly now and have streamlined the paperwork processing tasks considerably.

There are a great many other projects going on in the Academy. They often proceed at a slower pace than I would like, but proceed nevertheless. We all share a concern for the state of science and technology education here in Florida. To that end we are attempting to launch a pilot program with Oakridge High School in Orlando to have two of our scientists develop a mentoring relationship with science students there

YOUR PICTURE WANTED NOW!!

We are in the process of developing a new information and publicity package for the Academy. We want to include as part of this packet photos and a little information about some of our FAS scientists and student members. If you are a student member, please send the office a photo (in JPEG format) of you working on a science related project or research effort. Include a brief description of what is happening in the photo. We also request you regular members of the Academy to do likewise. We wish to be able to show to the public and to government and funding agencies some of the interesting and important activities our professional and student scientists are doing.

We will be taking pictures at the Annual Meeting, particularly of posters and other displays. I enjoyed meeting some of you students who presented posters at last year's meeting and I hope to spend more time reviewing posters at this year's meeting. In the meantime, I wish you all continued success in your endeavors and want you to know that your membership and support of the Florida Academy of Sciences is valued and appreciated.

CONGRAULATIONS TO THE MARTINS!

Dr. Dean and Barbara Martin, Editors of our journal, *The Florida Scientist*, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary! As part of their celebration, they were able to enjoy a cruise in the western Caribbean. Shown below is a photo of them taken during the cruise. Quite by accident, your Executive Director and his wife happened to be on the same ship! Hence the picture. We all congratulate and extend our best wishes to Dean and Barbara.



Time to Renew Your Membership

Please remember to renew your FAS Membership for 2007 as soon as possible! The sooner you renew, the sooner you will receive your confirmation. Renewal forms and information can be found on the website. Also, please remember to include your correct e-mail address on your membership application, as all important FAS correspondence is now sent via e-mail. You may be sure that your e-mail address is never divulged to other members or anyone outside the Academy!

From the President

We have an excellent venue at USF-St. Petersburg for our 71st Annual Meeting. Come join us on March 16 and 17.

For the first time, we will have a focused Poster Session with a dedicated time allotment and the posters will be outside, under cover.

There's still time to sign up for the banquet.

The banquet is a highlight of the meeting!!

Friday, March 16, 2007 at 7:00 PM
Social Hour 6-7 PM

Use the online conference registration form to sign up for the banquet – link below.

http://www.floridaacademyofsciences.org/Conf2007RegForm_RegOnly.htm

If you are a faculty member, please remember to invite a student to the Annual Meeting and offer to pay for their registration and dues!

I look forward to seeing you in St. Petersburg!

Dr. Thomas Crisman, former president of the Florida Academy of Sciences (1992-93), and 2005 Medalist, as been appointed Patel Professor of the Environment at the University of South Florida, where he will be a member of the Kiran C. Patel Center for Global Solutions..

Crisman comes to the Center from the University of Florida, where he was the director of the Howard T. Odum Center for Wetlands and a professor of environmental engineering sciences. Crisman was a Fulbright Scholar at Aristotle University in Thessaloniki, Greece, an instructor of tropical ecology in Kibale Forest, Uganda, and an associate director for environmental programs at UF. In addition, he has held various academic professorships as well as instructor and research positions in Uganda, Finland, Denmark and Zimbabwe.

At the Patel Center, Crisman will oversee projects dealing with the management and ecology of aquatic ecosystems in the tropic/subtropics concentrating on the Mediterranean Basin, Latin America and Africa. He will also have affiliation with a biology department at USF.