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Upcoming Meetings and Workshops

Northeast Natural History Conference 2015

The 15th Northeast Natural History Conference (NENHC) hosted by The Association of Northeastern Biologists to be held 18–20 April 2015 at the Sheraton Springfield Hotel in Springfield, MA. This is a 3 day conference which promises again to be the largest forum for researchers, natural resource managers, students, and naturalists to present current information on the varied aspects of applied field biology (freshwater, marine, and terrestrial) and natural history for the Northeastern United States and adjacent Canada. Registration is currently open. More information is available at http://www.eaglehill.us/NENHC_2015/NENHC2015.shtml.

Annual Conference of the Animal Behavior Society 2015

The 52nd Annual Conference of the Animal Behavior Society to be held 10–14 June 2015 in Anchorage, Alaska. More information is available at <http://abs2015.org/>.

International Conference on Biodiversity 2015

The 4th International Conference on Biodiversity to be held 15–17 June 2015 in Las Vegas, USA. The theme: "Share and Enhance Ecological & Geological Conservation research". Registration is currently open. More information is available at <http://biodiversity.conferenceseries.com/index.php>.

William Beverly Scott 1917–2014

An outstanding Canadian ichthyologist died 18 August 2014. William Beverly Scott (Bev) was born 7 July 1917 and raised in Toronto. After serving in the Canadian army in Europe in WWII he obtained his PhD at the University of Toronto in 1950 and was appointed Curator of Fishes at the Royal Ontario Museum with a cross-appointment to the Department of Zoology, University of Toronto. In 1950–1976 he built the research fish collection at the ROM to be the largest in Canada and it has continued to grow under E. J. Crossman, A. Emery, R. Winterbottom and H. López-Fernández. It now contains 97,600 cataloged lots containing a little over 1,127,636 specimens representing 6,677 valid species in 415 families (Erling Holm: 27 November 2014). For contrast, the next largest Canadian collection is held by the Canadian Museum of Nature has 60,828 cataloged lots for a total of 679,522 specimens representing 4,025 species (Sylvie Laframboise: 28 November 2014).

In 1976, Bev moved to St. Andrews, New Brunswick, where he became Director of the Huntsman Marine Science Centre, a laboratory run by a consortium of Canadian Universities. There he established the Atlantic Reference Center, one of North America's largest collections of larval fishes. After Bev's retirement from the Huntsman in 1982, he served as a Huntsman Senior Scientist, even after moving to Kingston, Ontario in 1998.

While with the ROM, Bev coauthored *Freshwater Fish of Canada* (1973) with E. J. Crossman (Ed) who had come to the ROM in 1957 after obtaining a MSc from the University of Toronto and a PhD from the University of British Columbia. Ed succeeded Bev as Curator of Fishes. He died in December

2004 and an often discussed revision never materialized. Still at the ROM, Bev completed a monograph *Fishes of the Atlantic Coast of Canada* (1966) started earlier by A. H. Leim, but left unfinished at his death. Subsequently at Huntsman, as more information accumulated for the region, a completely new volume was undertaken by Bev with his wife, Milly, as coauthor: *Atlantic Fishes of Canada* (1988). Bev and Milly moved to Kingston when Milly's health deteriorated and she died there in 2006. Bev subsequently moved to Lindsay, Ontario, where both his children live, but remained in contact with colleagues at the ROM and elsewhere.

Bev frequently served *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*, as he did for other scientific journals, as a reviewer of ichthyology papers. His last contribution was a review of a book by long-time ROM colleague Glenn B. Wiggins: *Biological Notes on an Old Farm: Exploring Common Things in the Kingdoms of Life*. *Canadian Field-Naturalist* 123(4): 387.

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