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ANNUAL MEETING

Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove, California May 26–30, 1986

Members of the Society and nonmembers are invited

The meeting will be in the style of a Gordon Conference, with a focus on the Society's objective of the unification of the biological sciences. There will also be contributed-papers sessions, poster sessions, and tour.

SYMPOSIA

Plant Molecular Evolution

Vice-Presidential Symposium, organized by Michael T. Clegg

MICHAEL T. CLEGG and KERMIT RITLAND, Statistical aspects of plant molecular evolution C. A. Cullis, The generation of genetic variation in response to stress Steven D. Tanksley, Nuclear genome organization in tomato and related diploid species Ronald Sederhoff, Molecular mechanisms of mitochondrial DNA evolution in plants Jeffrey D. Palmer, Evolution of chloroplast DNA and biosystematic uses of chloroplast

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Young Investigators' Symposium

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Toward a Conceptual Unification: Some Nontraditional Topics

Special Symposium I, organized by Bruce R. Levin

BRUCE R. LEVIN, Introduction

GARY O'DELL, How the slime mold Grex crawls: chemotaxis in 3-D

Roy M. Anderson, Population dynamics of the immune system

Communication in Ecology

Special Symposium II, organized by Marcus W. Feldman

JARED M. DIAMOND, Cultural transmission in bowerbirds

Luis Baptista, The functional significance of song sharing in bird ecology

Donald Owings, The origins of signals: a management perspective

James Gould, Evolution of honeybee communication

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Janis Antonovics, The evolutionary dys-synthesis: which bottle for which wine?

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