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### NAS EXCHANGES WITH USSR AND EASTERN EUROPEAN ACADEMIES

The National Academy of Sciences (NAS) invites applicants from American scientists who wish to make visits during the period January 1, 1986, through December 31, 1986, to the USSR, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, and Yugoslavia. Long-term research visits of 5 to 12 months' duration are encouraged, particularly when contact with colleagues in the other country has already been established. Applicants must be U.S. citizens with a doctoral degree or its equivalent in mathematics; the physical, biological, or engineering sciences; social or behavioral sciences; or biomedical sciences. All necessary expenses will be met by the NAS and the foreign academy, including reimbursement for lost salary up to a predetermined maximum and expenses for accompanying family members on visits of 5 months or more.

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### HERPETOLOGISTS' LEAGUE AND THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES

Joint meetings of the Herpetologists' League and The Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles will be held August 3-9, 1985, at the University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida. For further information, write Henry R. Mushinsky, Department of Biology, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida 33620.