
mab notes

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A Tropical Forests Symposium was held Aug. 14 at the University of Florida in Gainesville. An overview of U.S. MAB's tropical research program was presented by Dr. Ariel Lugo, Chairman of the MAB Directorate on Tropical Forests, members of the Directorate, and principal investigators of specific research projects funded by MAB. Special emphasis was given to 22 research projects awarded grants through the MAB-Agency "Consortium for the Study of Man's Relationship with the Global Environment," and to several special tropical studies commissioned by MAB.

The July 1985 MAB Bulletin (Vol. 8, No. 1), lists the most recently funded MAB projects, all proposals for which must now emanate from the U.S. MAB Directorates. This was deemed necessary to keep the Directorates together in a period of limited resources.

The U.S. State Department has at last added two fulltime staffers to the MAB Directorate. Ms. Inez Hockaday, a budget analyst, will assume the accounting responsibilities formerly handled by Phyl Rubin. Brian Payne, USFS, will leave his MAB assignment to be replaced by J.L. Whitmore of the Forest Service. A new permanent secretary will soon join the staff. The MAB Directorate office has moved to 2100 K St., N.W., Suite 506, Washington DC. The mailing address now is U.S. MAB Program, OES/ENR/MAB, SA-9, Suite 506, Dept. of State, DC 20520.

The MAB-4 Directorate, Arid and Semi-arid Ecosystems, will meet in conjunction with the International Arid Lands Conference in Tucson, Ariz., Oct. 20-Nov. 1.

PARKS magazine, published by I.U.C.N. for the exchange of information on the planning, use and management of the world's national parks and other protected areas, has dedicated its summer 1985 issue to Biosphere Reserves.