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PREFACE

The Second Conference in Natural Sciences was held from June 1-3, 1978, at the Hawaii Field Research Center in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. The Research Center has expanded quite dramatically since the first Conference in 1976. First the Mauna Loa Field Station was moved into the area at which time the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service erected a separate laboratory and office building. Shortly thereafter the U. S. Forest Service also built their own facility. In the meantime, the large greenhouse was erected and the Avian Disease Laboratory was set up in one of the old YCC buildings. The dormitory building opposite Magma House was converted into offices and laboratories while some small dormitories were retained and renovated. The herbarium is located in this building. The facilities, probably the best field station in Hawai'i, are available to the public. Dormitory fees are \$4.00 a night and should be booked in advance by writing to the Research Biologist, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Hawaii 96718.

During the Conference a questionnaire was distributed concerning future meetings. There was a unanimous vote to continue the conferences. Fifty-two percent of the respondents preferred annual meetings, 40% biennial meetings with the remainder undecided about the frequency. Sixty percent of the participants prefer June meetings, 30% had no opinion, and 10% liked August. Three-quarters of those attending felt that three days was sufficient, the remainder had a number of other options. Concerning the length of papers, half the respondents felt 15 minutes was adequate, 25% thought 10 minutes were enough, the remainder wanted longer presentations. Three-quarters of those responding felt 5 minutes was sufficient time for questions. Fifty-five percent of the participants would prefer topic-oriented sessions, 30% preferred contributed papers.

In the comments and suggestion section numerous complaints about the Conference room were aired. Other common suggestions included restricting each participant to a single paper, broadening the scope of disciplines able to participate, and sending out the abstracts and time table before the Conference.

We will endeavor to correct all the deficiencies noted. We appreciate the time and effort put into your responses which we think illustrates your interest in these meetings.

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