

VOLUME 1, NO. 4 Winter 1984

Sorry, no PDF
available

Scientific Advisory Board Appointed

BCI was founded by concerned scientists and increasingly is attracting the active support and participation of scientists worldwide. To better coordinate international and multidisciplinary exchange of information and to fairly evaluate project priorities, we recently appointed a Scientific Advisory Board.

All members are recognized authorities in various aspects of bat biology and/or conservation, and include the broadest possible range of expertise and international representation. They will provide advice on research and conservation priorities, and will report on needs and accomplishments in their respective geographic and research areas. As money becomes available, project proposals will be accepted and prioritized according to the recommendations of this board. Board members also may assist with fund-raising for projects in their respective areas. We are proud to introduce the following distinguished individuals:

Australia-Dr. Leslie S. Hall is an associate professor at the University of Queensland, senior author of the book, *Bats of Eastern Australia*, and author of more than 50 scientific publications, mostly about bats. Dr. Hall is a leading Australian bat biologist and conservationist, specializing in ecological morphology.

Brazil-Dr. Ivan Sazima is an assistant professor at the Institute of Biology, Universidade Estadual de Campinas. He is one of Latin America's foremost bat biologists and has published some 40 scientific papers as well as several conservation oriented popular articles. His specialty is bat behavior and ecology, including rainforest pollination and seed dispersal.

Canada-Dr. M. Brock Fenton is Canada's best known bat biologist and a leader in promoting bat conservation. He is a full professor at Carleton University and is Director of the Ottawa-Carleton Centre for Graduate Studies and Research in Biology. He has authored more than 70 research papers, and two books, *Just Bats*, and *Communication in the Chiroptera*. Dr. Fenton's areas of expertise are behavioral ecology and echolocation, and geographically include the bats of Africa.

Czechoslovakia-Dr. Jiri Gaisler is an assistant professor at Purkyne University in Brno and is one of Eastern Europe's best known bat biologists. He has published approximately 100 research papers, and is especially interested in field studies of bat community structure and population densities. He has studied bats in Afghanistan and Egypt, but is especially familiar with the bats of Eastern Europe.

Mexico-Dr. Bernardo Villa-R. is one of Mexico's leading scientists and conservationists. He has long headed the Department of Zoology at the Institute of Biology in Mexico City, has published numerous scientific papers and popular articles about bats and other mammals and authored the book, *The Bats of Mexico*. His research interests cover broad areas of bat biology and conservation, including vampire control.

Thailand -Dr. Boonsong Lekagul is the Secretary General for the Association for the

Conservation of Wildlife in Thailand. Dr. Boonsong is well known throughout Asia for his numerous conservation achievements. He also has authored many scientific and popular publications and several books, including *Mammals of Thailand*. Some of Thailand's most important bat caves are now protected through his efforts. His specialty is conservation.

West Germany - Dr. Ewe Schmidt is a full professor at the University of Bonn and is Chairman of the European Bat Research Organization. He is a highly respected scientist and has published more than 60 research papers, mostly about bats. Dr. Schmidt is an authority on vampires and is currently co-editing a book, *Natural History of Vampire Bats*.

United States- Dr. Denny G. Constantine is the Public Health Veterinarian for the State of California and the foremost authority on bats and public health. He headed rabies programs for the Center for Communicable Disease (CDC) in Georgia and New Mexico from 1955 to 1958 and served as Chief of the CDC Southwest Rabies Investigation Station from 1958 to 1964. Dr. Constantine has authored more than 50 research publications, including several book chapters and monographs about bats and public health.

James C. Doherty is the General Curator and the Curator of Mammals at the Bronx Zoo in New York. He developed one of the world's foremost live bat exhibits and is an authority on captive maintenance and breeding of bats. Through the New York Zoological Society, he is involved in numerous conservation and public education projects and consults for other organizations.

Dr. Thomas H. Kunz is a full professor and is Director of the Graduate Program in Ecology, Behavior and Evolution at Boston University. He has authored more than 50 research papers and is contributing editor of the books, *Ecology of Bats*, and *Ecological and Behavioral Methods for the Study of Bats*. He is a member of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Indiana and Gray Bat Endangered Species Recovery Team and has contributed often to the conservation of bats. Dr. Kunz's areas of specialty are behavioral and physiological ecology of bats, and his geographical emphasis includes the Caribbean Islands.

Dr. Don E. Wilson is Chief of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Museum Section at the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. He has authored more than 70 research publications and co-authored the book *Mammals of New Mexico*. Wilson has been active in developing tropical conservation programs for the past 10 years, is First Vice-President of the American Society of Mammalogists and is a member of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Indiana and Gray Bat Endangered Species Recovery Team. His research specialty is the evolutionary biology of bats, especially those of Latin America.



Rafiki is an Angolan Fruit Bat (Lissonycteris angolensis). Photo courtesy Merlin D. Tuttle.

All articles in this issue:

- ▶ [Flying Fox Nearly Extinct in Samoa](#)
- ▶ [Flying Fox Update From Australia](#)
- ▶ [BCI Welcomes New Directors](#)
- ▶ [BCI Reorganizes](#)
- ▶ [Bacardi Bat Booklet Available](#)
- ▶ [Scientific Advisory Board Appointed](#)
- ▶ [Bats Spark Interest](#)