

EGYPTIAN SOCIETY OF ACAROLGY - Dr. A.M. Afifi (amafifi@gmail.com; am_afifi@hotmail.com), Professor of Acarology, Agricultural Zoology Department, Faculty of Agriculture, Cairo University, Giza, Egypt, reminds us that the Egyptian Society of Acarology (ESA) was founded in 2005 in Cairo, Egypt. The society currently has about 100 members and publishes the journal "Acarines" twice yearly. Please visit their website at www.esaeg.org or contact esa@esaeg.org for additional information.

ACAROLOGICAL SOCIETY OF IRAN - The Acarological Society of Iran (ASI) was established on 30 August 2008. It seeks to promote the development of acarology in Iran and to foster communication and cooperation among acarologists in Iran and other parts of the world. ASI is an international society for Iranian acarologists living in Iran or abroad; however, anyone who is interested in acarology is invited to join. ASI currently has over 70 members in Iran, Japan and the Netherlands, and plans are being made to publish a newsletter and a research journal, the Journal of the Acarological Society of Iran. Iranian acarologists have long sought to establish an acarological society and an outlet for their research. At their 30 August meeting, the following persons were elected to the Executive Committee: Alireza Saboori (President), Mohammad Khanjani (Secretary), and Jalil Hajizadeh (Treasurer); these individuals assumed the duties of the Organizing Committee, whose members were: Prof. Karim Kamali, Prof. Bahman Parsi, Prof. Alireza Saboori, Prof. Mohammad Khanjani, Prof. Karim Haddad Irani-nejad, Dr. Jalil Hajizadeh, Dr. Masoud Arbabi, Dr. Fariba Ardeshir, Dr. Hashem Kamali, and Dr. Hadi Ostovan.

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FOUR FELLOWSHIPS AVAILABLE FROM ADF IN 2009 - As announced in the March 2008 issue of IJA (Vol. 34, No. 1), four new fellowships, each for \$500, are to be awarded by the Acarology Development Foundation in 2009 for exploration, collection, faunistic studies, training or orchestrating meetings on acarine taxonomy anywhere in the world. These scholarships are named for our friends and supporters: David and Alice Cook (Paradise Valley, Arizona, USA), Harold A. Denmark (Gainesville, Florida, USA), Gary Mullen (Auburn, Alabama, USA) and Vikram and Indira Prasad (West Bloomfield, Michigan, USA). Applications will be considered as received, and awards notifications will appear once all decisions have been made, likely before or during March 2009. Preference will be given to applicants who are already established at a college, university or research institute, have a record of achievement in acarology, as evidenced by published papers, and who desire additional training, such as that available through the Acarology Summer Program at The Ohio State University, Columbus, USA; Natural History Museum, London, United Kingdom; or other schools and museums. These fellowships are also open to students enrolled in M.S. or Ph.D. programs in acarology and to those wishing to travel to collect mites or ticks for taxonomic studies leading to formal publications in peer-reviewed journals with established Impact Factors. Applications should be sent to Vikram Prasad (v.prasad@ix.netcom.com) as soon as possible.