

interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292-7405.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), has developed regulations that implement the "Agreed Measures for the Conservation of Antarctic Fauna and Flora" for all United States citizens. The Agreed Measures, developed by the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties, recommended establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Specially Protected Areas and Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

*Description of Permit Modification Requested:* The Foundation issued a permit (ACA #2004-002) to Laurence J. Conrad on June 27, 2003. The issued permit allows the applicant to access several Antarctic Specially Protected Areas of photographing named geographic features and historic huts throughout the McMurdo Sound Area. The photographs will be used to illustrate a geographically arranged gazetteer or "field guide".

The applicant requests a modification to his permit to allow access to the Antarctic Specially Protected Area of Cape Crozier, Ross Island (ASPA #124). The applicant was unaware the boundaries of the site had been expanded in the new Management Plan, which now included Wilson's Stone Igloo and the Knoll. The applicant would like to enter the site for the purpose of taking documentary photography from those locations to be used in the gazetteer. They do not plan to venture near the penguin rookery or the skua nesting areas.

*Location:* Cape Crozier (ASPA #124).

*Dates:* October 15, 2003 to February 28, 2004.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541)

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of permit applications received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at Title 45 Part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by October 29, 2003. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292-7405.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows:

Permit Application No. 2004-005

1. *Applicant:* Howard Evans, Professor of Veterinary and Comparative Anatomy, Emeritus, College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853-6401.

*Activity for Which Permit is*

*Requested:* Take and Import into the United States. The applicant proposes to

salvage dead specimens of penguins and other seabirds, as well as parts of marine mammals, to be used for educational purposes in his lectures. The applicant will be a lecturer on board a cruise ship visiting the Antarctic Peninsula and may have the opportunity to encounter bird and animal carcasses or parts. Collected items will be imported into the United States and become part of the university collection.

*Location:* Antarctic Peninsula region.

*Dates:* December 30, 2003 to January 25, 2004.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Business and Operations Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Business and Operations Advisory Committee (9556).

*Date/Time:* October 22, 2003; 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (e.s.t.).

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1235, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Mary Ann Birchett, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230; (703) 292-8100.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice concerning issues related to the oversight, integrity, development and enhancement of NSF's business operations.

*Agenda:* October 22, 2003.

A.M.: Introductions and Updates—Office of Budget, Finance, and Award Management and Office of Information and Resource Management activities.

Presentation and Discussion—Grants Management.

P.M.: Presentation and Discussion—IT Security; NSF Business Analysis; Meeting with NSF Deputy Director; Committee Discussion; Planning for next meeting; feedback; other business.

Dated: September 23, 2003.

**Susanne Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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