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NSF: Evolutionary Synthesis Center Workshops Report

Recently the National Science Foundation convened two workshops to explore the need for national center devoted to the synthesis and analysis of evolutionary biology and its relationship to other areas. These workshops have produced a report, which is available in its entirety, including an executive summary, at frog.biology.yale.edu/esc/index.html. NSF has asked the major professional societies of evolutionary biology, including SICB, to comment on this report. Would such a center be beneficial for science in this area and in the national interest? Please feel free to comment by email to margaret.riley@yale.edu; all comments will be transmitted to NSF.

AMS: Mildred and Ralph Buchsbaum Prize for Excellence in Photomicrography

The American Microscopical Society is pleased to announce the creation of the Mildred and Ralph Buchsbaum Prize for Excellence in Photomicrography, which will be awarded at the SICB/AMS annual meeting in Toronto January 4 – 8, 2003. The

new program has been established as a memorial to Ralph Buchsbaum, a pioneer in cell and tissue culture of invertebrates and vertebrates and a champion of photomicrography of cells and unicellular organisms, and to his wife, who co-authored many of his publications.

Membership in AMS is welcome, but not required. The award carries a prize of \$75.00. In addition, the winning entry will be published in *Invertebrate Biology* and will be displayed on the AMS website. Information on submitting entries and on contributing to the Ralph and Mildred Buchsbaum Fund is posted on the AMS website www.amicros.org. If you have questions, please contact Bill Kier at billkier@bio.unc.edu.

We invite you to share some of your best photographs with those attending the meeting.