

## Election of Honorary Member

### Rules governing Honorary Members

- Persons who have performed signal services to the Society may be elected as Honorary Members and shall not be required to pay an annual subscription.
- Election of Honorary Members shall be at a General Meeting of the Society, on the nomination of the Council. The names of all such persons nominated for election as Honorary Members shall be published on the notice calling the Meeting.
- The number of Honorary Members shall not at any time exceed ten.

### Nomination for Honorary membership of the Society for the History of Natural History

Professor P. Geoffrey Moore, eminent marine biologist and author, has supported the Society for the History of Natural History over many years, including serving as President from 2009 to 2012 during which period several initiatives were brought to fruition, especially the invitation to Sir David Attenborough OM, CH, CVO, CBE, FRS, FZS, Hon. FLS to become the Society's Patron (*Archives of Natural History* **37** (2): 189–190) and, consequently, in 2011, the *Patron's Review* whereby an outstanding younger scholar is invited to contribute a review essay to *Archives of Natural History*. To date, six reviews have been published, with two further papers undergoing editorial review.

Geoff initiated a development review of the Society with the aim of building a stronger relationship with our membership, including a membership survey. As part of the development process both the byelaws and rules were revised and adopted. In 2010, Geoff oversaw the development of the new SHNH website together with the website editor, editor and external consultant and agreed the first colour cover for the *Newsletter*. During his presidency the digitisation of *Archives of Natural History* was completed and Geoff led discussion with Edinburgh University Press for the inclusion of *Archives of Natural History* in the EUP journal package of titles made available at reduced costs to support education in developing countries, later approved by Council. In 2011, the Society celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and also the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Charles Davies Sherbourn, the Society's first president, with two excellent joint international meetings.

Geoff has been a prolific author of scholarly papers on the history and bibliography of natural history. His publications, spanning a period of fifty years, include over 260 refereed papers on diverse topics including ecology, taxonomy, pollution and conservation; many in collaboration with colleagues and research students. He has been especially interested in those naturalists who have been notable for teaching and writing and the institutions to which they belonged, and by extension, in broadcasters and writers and illustrators of 'popular' natural histories. Geoff has been a regular contributor to *Archives of Natural History* and the diversity of his historical research is clear from the papers and short notes accepted, from 'Dr Baird and his feminine eponyms; biographical considerations and ostracod nomenclature' (ANH **32** (1): 92–105) to 'The supply of marine biological specimens (principally animals) for teaching and research in Great Britain from the nineteenth century until today' (ANH **39** (2): 281–301) and 'Popularizing marine natural history in eighteenth- and nineteenth-century Britain' (**41** (1): 45–62), and (most recently) 'Edward Emrys Watkin (1900–1978): marine zoologist and educator' (**49** (2): 364–371). Geoff's fascinating paper on 'The background to the proposition that plankton be used as food in the United Kingdom during the Second World War' (ANH **38** (2): 287–299) detailing information that had been marked as 'secret' and which Geoff uncovered in an archive at the Scottish Association for Marine Science proved extremely popular in the UK press.

Council has recommended that Peter Geoffrey Moore be nominated as an Honorary Member in recognition of his signal services to the Society for the History of Natural History.