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## ANNOUNCEMENT

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### PalSIRP

#### Paleontological Society International Research Program

The Paleontological Society is pleased to announce the start of a small grants program for paleontologists living in Eastern Europe and republics of the former Soviet Union. A small number of grants in the range of US \$500 to \$1000 will be awarded during 1995. These grants will be made directly to individuals and not to institutions. Grantees will be selected by a committee of the Paleontological Society on the basis of three criteria in the following order: 1) quality of past achievement of the paleontologist; 2) financial need; and 3) quality and feasibility of proposed research. Special consideration will be given to active paleontologists under the age of 40 years, but others will not be excluded from funding so long as they are professional paleontologists.

Applications for a PalSIRP grant must include the following three items, all typed in English:

1. Cover letter, stating the applicant's name, institutional affiliation, address, and telephone and fax numbers (e-mail address if available). The letter should also briefly state financial need and provide names of North American paleontologists familiar with the applicant's research; these persons will be used as references.
2. Research proposal, no longer than two pages, single-sided, providing a project title, a brief description of proposed research, and the general uses of the PalSIRP funds. Appropriate uses include (but are not limited to) salary support, domestic and foreign travel, and equipment purchase. No detailed budget or accounting is required for the normal grant of \$500. However, needs in excess of \$500 should be discussed in the cover letter.
3. Curriculum vitae (C.V.) listing birth date, education and current professional position, and all published papers, articles, and books. Additional information, such as employment history, awards, participation in international conferences and projects, etc., can be included.

These three items should be mailed or faxed to the following address:

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Proposals received up to 30 March 1995 will be considered for 1995 funding. Proposals received after that date will be considered for 1996 funding. All proposals that are not in English will be returned without consideration.

Paleontologists living in the following countries are currently eligible for PalSIRP grants: all republics of the former Soviet Union, including the Baltic States, Mongolia, and nations in Eastern Europe (other than East Germany), including Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Albania, and the countries of the former Yugoslavia.

The Paleontological Society asks all readers for their assistance in advertising the PalSIRP grants. Please send this information to your colleagues in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union: mail, fax, e-mail, or talk directly to them about this program. And ask them to spread the word among their colleagues. Thank you.