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REAPERTURA DE LA COLECCIÓN DE ENTOMOLOGÍA DEL MUSEO NACIONAL DE CIENCIAS NATURALES, MADRID, ESPAÑA / REOPENED OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL COLLECTION OF THE MUSEO NACIONAL DE CIENCIAS NATURALES, MADRID, SPAIN.— Informamos de la reapertura de la Colección de Entomología del Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales, Madrid (España) que, ante la necesidad de llevar a cabo un programa de mejoras, suspendió oficialmente la atención a préstamos y consultas en 2004. En junio de 2007, habiendo podido lograr sólo parcialmente aquel objetivo, se decidió reemprender la actividad en esos aspectos. Desde entonces han sido resueltas todas las solicitudes pendientes y se está prestando servicio de nuevo.

We inform that the Entomology Collection of the Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales, Madrid (Spain) has been reopened. The Collection was officially closed in 2004 to loans and visits due to the need to renovate the facilities and make major improvements. Although the goals have only been partially fulfilled, we decided on June 2007 to start dealing again with those activities. At present, all pending requests have been answered and the new ones are being attended.— **DETALLES / DETAILS:** Dra. Isabel Izquierdo Moya, Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales, José Gutiérrez Abascal, 2; E-28006 Madrid (ESPAÑA / SPAIN). E-mail: izquierdo@mncn.csic.es.

ICE 2008 XXIII INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ENTOMOLOGY.— On behalf of the Council for International Congresses of Entomology I wish to warmly encourage you to attend the **23rd International Congress of Entomology (ICE2008) that will take place in Durban, South Africa, from July 6-12, 2008.**

Being the first in Africa, this congress will be of special significance. It will reveal the rapid growth of entomological science on the continent and help accelerate collaboration of African colleagues with their peers elsewhere. The broad range of expertise to the organising committee guarantees that the congress will provide a balanced overview of advance in diverse entomological disciplines from all over the world. The congress venue is an international congress centre that will provide an appropriate and secure setting, with up-to-date technical facilities.

I am proud that the ICE council has selected South Africa for the 2008 congress. South Africa boasts a considerable number of world famous entomologists, with a team of accomplished colleagues able to organize the largest international meeting on the entomological calendar.

ICE 2008 is but a year away, when entomologists from all over the world will convene in Durban. I envisage ICE 2008 to be a great success and look forward to meeting you and your colleagues in South Africa next year.

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