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The Nineteenth Vertebrate Pest Conference, sponsored and organized by the Vertebrate Pest Council, is now concluded. There were 383 registered participants from 34 states and 12 countries.

A conference such as this can only be successful with the hard work and dedication of many people. Desley A. Whisson and Robert M. Timm organized a superb program, and I thank them for this effort. Local arrangements were coordinated by Rex Baker, registration was organized by Terrell Salmon, commercial displays were handled by Pierre Gadd and John O'Brien, publicity was arranged by Paul Gorenzel and Minoo Madon, and Charolette Carson worked with professional continuing education. Gerald Miller organized a top-quality field trip to the San Diego Zoo, SeaWorld Adventure Park, and Qualcomm Stadium. These efforts are noted and appreciated, and all were critical in making the Conference a success.

Numerous people assisted in coordinating the lights and slides for the speakers, assisting with the field trip, and carrying boxes of supplies and equipment. These activities are unheralded but vital to the seamless running of a meeting. I thank all who assisted with these tasks.

Finally, I thank all the speakers, session chairpersons, vendors, the members of the Vertebrate Pest Council, and all of the participants for your efforts in making this a successful and productive meeting. This Conference exists for you, and 1 hope that you continue to use it. The Proceedings from this Conference will appear in eight to ten months, edited by A. Charles Crabb, and will be mailed to you upon publication.

As Chairperson-Elect of the Twentieth Vertebrate Pest Conference, I invite you to our next Conference, scheduled for 3-7 March, 2002, at the Silver Legacy Resort Casino in Reno, Nevada. I hope to see you there. If you have any suggestions for the 2002 program, please contact any member of the Vertebrate Pest Council or myself. We look forward to your comments and your presence in 2002.