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Dear Colleagues:

This is an open letter to inform you of a change of status in the organization of the Indiana University Axolotl Colony.

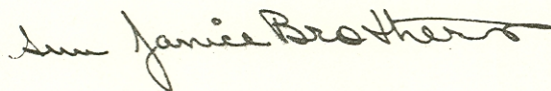
I have been offered an Assistant Professorship in the Department of Zoology at the University of California at Berkeley and I plan to join that faculty in the Spring of 1978. It is with regret that I leave the Axolotl Colony, but I feel that this move will provide more time for me to pursue my specific research interests into the mechanisms of nucleo-cytoplasmic interactions and maternal effect mutations. During the past few years the colony has been put on a sound organizational foundation to complement the tremendous input that Dr. Rufus R. Humphrey and Dr. R. W. Briggs had contributed in establishing the genetic stocks of axolotls here at Indiana University. The support provided by the National Science Foundation has been a major contributing factor.

In order that the transition be effected smoothly we have instituted the following changes: (1) I have now become the executive director and will continue to serve as an active consultant (until I leave for Berkeley in March, 1978) on axolotl matters during this gradual transition period. (2) George M. Malacinski has now become the research director and will assume the administrative responsibilities for the colony. (3) The staff consists of: a) Mr. Lawrence Lawrence, assistant director/animal curator, who functions in the capacity of supervisor and co-ordinator of the care and maintenance of the animals, b) Mrs. Fran Bacher, research associate, who functions in the capacity of geneticist, c) Mr. Paul Dits, technician, who functions in the capacity of histologist and assists in the logistics of the care and maintenance of the animals.

The Axolotl Colony should therefore continue to provide the requested research materials and to fulfill the main points of the outlined program.

George M. Malacinski will now be assuming responsibility for providing the requested research material and animals. Please call him at (812) 337-1131. Also please feel free to call me if you have any questions about aspects of axolotl care/maintenance or genetics/development. (812) 337-2630.

Sincerely



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