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The 1994 Meetings of the American Arachnological Society will be held at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida from July 30 to August 2, with on-campus housing available the nights of July 29 through August 2.

More information will be forthcoming in the spring Newsletter.

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1993 A.A.S. Meeting Report

The 17th annual meeting of the American Arachnological Society was held at the picturesque campus of the University of Washington in Seattle. For many of us, it was a wonderful excuse to see a part of the USA previously viewed in pictures and movies. Rod Crawford of the University's Burke Museum and John Edwards of its Zoology Dept. were the co-hosts. They literally came to our rescue at a late moment when plans for holding the meeting in Costa Rica were not realised. From 21 to 25 June a wide variety of papers were presented (see abstracts below). The 70 or so participants also experienced the extremes of Seattle's summer weather, and were offered a taste of the area's unique social and natural wonders. Mount Ranier made a spectacular appearance, and once luncheon diners were treated to the formation of a large (full) rainbow. Thanks to Rod and John for filling in at the last minute and for providing a marvelous place for arachnologists to rendezvous.

Student Paper Awards

Due to the quality of these papers, choosing Marshal Hedin (Washington Univ.) as first place and Jason Bond (Virginia Tech) as second place was a difficult task for the Student Paper Awards Committee. Marshal's presentation (The historical biogeography of Appalachian cave spiders {*Nesticus*}) earned him a one year membership to the Society (and the associated J.O.A. subscription), and \$100. He also received a copy of Kaston's *The Spiders of Connecticut*, and Roth's Key to Spider Genera, both generously donated by Vince Roth. Jason acquired a \$50 prize and a copy of Roth's key for his talk (Setaspigot homology and silk production in first instar *Antrodiaetus unicolor*). Hearty congratulations to Marshal and Jason !