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## FUTURE MEETING SITES

**1995 - University of Missouri  
Columbia, Missouri**

**20 - 25 June** (See pg. 14)

**1996 - Tucson, Arizona**

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## REPORT ON THE 1994 A.A.S. MEETING

As part of their last activity, those who organized and implemented the very successful 1994 meeting of the American Arachnological Society in Gainesville, Florida, were asked to write reports about the activities which took place. Their reports follow. The Editor wishes to thank them for these written accounts, and is sure the meeting attendees join him in expressing their gratitude to them for giving the Society a very fine meeting. The organizing committee consisted of John Anderson, James and Betsy Berry, Paula Cushing, G. B. Edwards, Jon Reiskind, and Mark Stowe.

The 1994 AAS annual meetings took place at the University of Florida. This is the first repeat of a meeting site - the AAS having met in Gainesville in 1978. (This venue was not in the original plan, but volunteered to be host when the initial site became unavailable. -Ed.) Papers and posters were presented from Saturday 30 July - Monday 1 August (please see abstracts). Tuesday 2 August was devoted to a field trip to Ocala National Forest. The meeting was attended by over 100 participants from all over the U.S. and abroad (including Canada, Denmark, France, the Russian Federation, New Zealand, and Mexico).

The program included a symposium on Spiders in Ecological Communities (organized by David Wise) and one on Higher Order Systematics of Spiders (organized by Norman Platnick). Informal presentations Saturday evening included a preview of next year's meetings in Columbia, Missouri by Jim Carrel, a presentation on the new Smithsonian traveling spider exhibit by Petra Sierwald, slides of spiders from the Gray Ranch in New Mexico by Dave Richman, a graphic film on acrocerid emergence from their spider hosts by Peggy Gerba, and stunning photos of Costa Rican spiders by Joe Warfel. Two other informal presentations were given on Sunday: film of the gruesome sacrifice of the male Australian Redback spider (*Latrodectus*) during courtship (Lynn Forster) and a slide show of European arachnologists (Yuri Marusik).

During a computer workshop presented by Mark Stowe, entomological resources on the Internet were reviewed and it was proposed that an e-mail arachnological discussion group should be initiated which would lead to the eventual creation of a site on the Internet where arachnological information could be archived. See future issues of the newsletter for details.

Starting with a lively mixer on Friday evening, the social activities were highlighted by a Sunday evening