

A Brief Message From the Staff of the Indiana University Axolotl Colony

Facilitating research projects that employ the axolotl as experimental material, as well as outreach and other service activities continues unabated at the IU Axolotl Colony! During the past year or so we have supplied approximately 120 laboratories and classrooms with either eggs, larvae, juveniles or adults. We do so with pleasure, for the Colony is in good shape. The animals appear to be happy, for they continue to breed with regularity. Our shipping system seems to be working well, for live material almost always arrives in good condition. And our personnel is enthusiastic, for they comprise a dedicated and stable group.

And perhaps most important of all, the National Science Foundation's Division of Biological Infrastructure has recently renewed our funding for 5 years (through 2008). We would like to thank all members of the scientific community who may have contributed, either directly or indirectly, to the success of that NSF grant renewal proposal!

In order to better acquaint readers with the Colony staff we offer the following snapshots:



Jill Gresens, Assistant Director



Amber Cravens, Curator



Jordan Hall at Indiana University Bloomington, home of IUAC



Sandra Borland, Outreach