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**Deadline for the  
June 2005 SRM  
Member  
Resource News**

Remember to get your position announcements, columns, section announcements, agency information, etc. in by the 15<sup>th</sup> of May for the June issue of the newsletter.

## **The Purpose and Function of the Advisory Council**

**By Charles R. Hart, Chair Advisory Council**

**G**reetings from West Texas. For the first time in 10–12 years, wildflowers are abundant and the desert is blooming shades of yellow, purple, blue, and orange. While the severe drought of the 90's is officially over (by definition), the healing process of damaged rangelands has just begun. Proper management of these fragile rangelands is extremely crucial to their recovery. The Society for Range Management is needed now just as much as ever before and the Texas Section is playing an active role in education and delivery of information. I have been privileged to serve this organization over the past year as President of the Texas Section and chair-elect of the SRM Advisory Council, taking over the Chair position as of the Society's annual meeting in Fort Worth. By the way, I know the Texas Section worked many long, hard and tiresome hours, weeks, and months to prepare for this meeting and we sincerely hope it was worth your time attending. One thing I have learned about the Society for Range Management over the years is that this Society is made up of many dedicated individuals with a common purpose. We may not always agree on everything we debate, but if you get to the heart of most debates, a common goal usually emerges. I never really knew just how much time and effort is taken by our Board of Directors, officers, and staff until I became chair-elect of the Advisory Council. Many, many volunteer hours are spent by our board members and officers throughout the year. We should all take every opportunity to thank present and past board members and officers for the dedicated work they do. When you see or talk to Mort Kothman, be sure and give a special thanks to him for a job well done serving as the Society's President last year.

As I prepare to serve this society as the Chair of the Advisory Council this year, I found myself reviewing the organization and purpose of this council in society activities and functions. I found out a few things that I really never knew as a newer member in my earlier days. So, I thought I might focus a little on what the Advisory Council is and functions it serves.

The purpose of the Advisory Council is to serve as a planning, consultative, and advisory body to the Board of Directors, to provide an opportunity and avenue for discussion and evaluation of Society affairs from a broad spectrum of membership, and to provide an avenue for exchange of ideas and reporting on Section activities. The Advisory Council is made up of the President and two elected officers of each Section of the Society and meets annually at the Society's annual meeting. The Council elects a new Chair-elect during the meeting each year, from a list of current years Section Presidents. In general, the Advisory Council is to serve the Society membership in advising, consulting, planning, and recommending activities and actions to the Board and Officers, in effect serving as a Liaison between the Board and Section membership.

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Society members, through their Sections or as individual active members, may initiate and help develop proposed Society policy statements or proposed changes in Society policy. The Advisory Council also reviews position statements submitted through the appropriate committee or to the Executive Vice President, in addition to statements submitted through the Advisory Council. As the current Advisory Council Chair, I take these responsibilities very seriously and view an active Council as extremely important to the Society. I appreciate the opportunity to serve this Society in this capacity.

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## SRM Partnership

By Deen Boe, Washington DC Representative

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Two outstanding partnership activities took place when SRM's Executive Committee was in Washington DC in March.

The first was a Capitol Hill Briefing titled: "From Fisheries to Forests: Impacts of Invasive Species and Strategies for Control." The Briefing was co-sponsored by the American Fisheries Society, Ecological Society of America, Estuarine Research Foundation, Society of American Foresters, Society for Range Management, The Wildlife Society and the Weed Science Society of America. It became an international event when the Canadian Embassy joined to sponsor the reception.

The program included presentations from Dr. Gregory Ruiz, Senior Scientist, Marine Invasions Research Lab, Smithsonian Environmental Research Center; Dr. Phil Moy, Fisheries and Nonindigenous Species Specialist, University of Wisconsin, Sea Grant Program; Dr. Scott Salom, Associate Professor in Forest Entomology, Virginia Tech; and SRM's Dr. John Brock, Professor, Applied Biological Sciences, Arizona State U – East.

The program was followed by a 2-hour reception held in the Rayburn House Office Building. It was attended by almost 100 participants representing Congressional Offices, Federal Agencies, and Professional Societies. The Briefing was such an outstanding success that the participating Societies are already discussing opportunities for another joint activity.

The second partnership activity occurred at the Society of American Foresters headquarters in Bethesda, MD. It was discovered during the planning of the Capitol Hill Briefing that by serendipity leadership of the American Fisheries Society, Society of American Foresters, Society for Range Management, and The Wildlife Society were going to be meeting in the Washington DC vicinity at almost the same time. The Societies took advantage of this fact to have a brief informal business meeting and to co-sponsor a reception. Many partnership ideas were shared during the meeting as well as commitments made to further pursue a number of opportunities. One of these was to consider planning overlapping leadership meetings once a year to provide a more extensive opportunity for Society leadership to interact. The visible working relationship between these 4 core resource societies continues to strengthen as we engage in more joint activities.

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## Rangelands to Rain Forests

**2006 Annual Meeting  
February 11–17, 2006**

**John Buckhouse and Bob France, General Co-Chairs**

Last month in the *Membership Resource News* we talked of a having you mark your calendars. We trust that each of you have done so and are saving the dates for this educational and appealing meeting.

The 2006 Annual Meeting Committee has been and remains hard at work to insure that this meeting is a success. We have two beautiful facilities; a full agenda (full of technical sessions, symposia, and workshops): plans laid for a big and busy trade show; a number of technical and cultural tours (to include a day trip to lovely Vancouver Island and the charming city of Victoria!); and an action packed social schedule—all situated in the Province of British Columbia with its magnificent mountains, seascapes, and cosmopolitan atmosphere at our fingertips! This is one Annual Meeting you don't want to miss!

Here are a couple of reminders which will help you with your travel plans: (A) Remember, the preferred documentation for entrance and egress into Canada is a passport. At the moment, a US birth certificate with a raised seal plus a government issued picture identification card will work—BUT, the newspapers are all talking of this changing in the near future to become passport only for returns back into the US. Our advice is to beat the rush, order your passport now and be prepared. (B) There are duty restrictions into Canada as well as into the US. For example liquor is limited to 1.5 liters per person. Animal products, firearms, etc are also controlled. If you have questions, we advise going on-line and searching out these sorts of customs regulations. (C) The drinking age in Canada is 19. If you are traveling with students or offspring, be aware of these differences in rules. (D) Minors need to have certified letters of permission to travel from custodial parents in order to enter British Columbia. Both High School Youth Forum and some Collegiate students will fall into this category. If you are traveling with your own kids, and both parents are not along, you will need this documentation as well.

We wrote a clause into our contract which SRM signed several years ago which allows us to renegotiate our room rates when we are several months from the meeting. Since the US-Canadian exchange rates have changed dramatically since then, we are in the process of doing just that. We are hopeful that we will be successful lowering these costs! We expect that within a few days we will have this accomplished. Ann Harris has promised that we can prepare a members news flash when we have that in-hand. The hotels will begin accepting reservations just as soon as we authorize them to do so, based upon the finalized rates.

Stay tuned for more travel tips and updates concerning this wonderful place and terrific meeting!



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## Erratum

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In the electronic version of the April issue of the *MRN* on page 2 under Awards Nominations Due the following was printed:

**Outstanding Young Range Professional Award**—For SRM members who have not reached their 35<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to January 1 of the year the award is conferred, and show outstanding potential and promise in their range management careers.

It should read: **Outstanding Young Range Professional Award**—For SRM members who have not reached their 40<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to January 1 of the year the award is conferred, and show outstanding potential and promise in their range management careers.

On page 4 under Donor's List for SRM Recruitment Poster we listed Cal-Pack Section, it should read the CAL-PAC Section.

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## Lost Resources

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**Dr. Roy V. Miller, Jr.** of San Marcos, TX passed away on August 5, 2003. Dr. Miller was born September 13, 1931. He retired in 1998 as Chairman of the Agriculture Department of Texas State University at San Marcos where he taught and served as an administrator for the past 30 years. Prior to his tenure at San Marcos, he served on the faculty of the Range Management Department at Colorado State University, taught range management and agriculture at Chico State University, Chico, CA, and was a range extension specialist for Texas A&M University at Vernon, TX.

**Dr. Glenn Savelle**, of San Adreas, CA passed away March 19, 2005. He had been a member of SRM since 1964.

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## Upcoming Meetings

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### **XX International Grassland Congress**

University College

Dublin, Ireland

Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005

### **Pastoral Systems in Marginal Environments**

#### **A Satellite Meeting of the International Grassland Congress 2005**

University of Glasgow

Glasgow, Ireland

Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Wednesday July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005

### **King Ranch Institute for Ranch Management - Texas A&M University-Kingsville**

October 20–21, 2005

For more information go to: <http://krirm.tamuk.edu>

### **VIII International Rangeland Congress**

2008 – Hohot, China



# New Member Application

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(Updated Jan. 23, 2005)

\* (Please Print or Type) First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ \*Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Certifications:  CRMC  CPRM  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Nickname (Informal) \_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title \_\_\_\_\_ \* Male \* Female Date of birth: M\_\_D\_\_Y\_\_

**\*Company/Organization/Business Affiliation/(Students MUST put College or University)**

**\*Business Address (Student School Address)**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Suite/Apt# \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_  
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Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Home Street Address (Student Permanent Home)**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Suite/Apt# \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_  
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Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

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Business Fax (Include Area Code) \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Home Phone (Include Area Code)**  
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Home Fax (Include Area Code) \_\_\_\_\_

\* Email Address (to receive monthly Member Resource News)

\* 2<sup>nd</sup> Email Address

Please mail my publications to my:  Business (School Address)  
 Home (Permanent Home Address) If yes, when \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been a member of SRM?  Yes  No

How did you hear about SRM? \_\_\_\_\_ Name of member that recruited you \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION** (Amount includes the Primary section) (\* See reverse side for dues amount)

Regular \$85  Student \$35  Institutional \$205  Commercial \$525  \* Life  \* Life Family  \*Additional Family  
High School:  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  
College:  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  
Graduate:  Year 1  Year 2  Year 3  Year 4  Year 5  Year 6

**SECTION AFFILIATION** (See next page for Sections)

SRM members must choose a Section affiliation. Section affiliation is determined by geographical region, but members may be affiliated with any and as many Sections as desired upon payment of additional Section dues. If you wish to belong to more than one Section, please contact the SRM office at (303) 986-3309 for additional dues amount.

\*Primary Section Affiliation (1 only) \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Sections (\$5 ea)

\* = Required Fields  Please check box if you do not want your contact information printed in the SRM Member Directory

**OPTIONAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Members receive six issues of Rangelands and 12 issues of Member Resource News (electronic delivery only via email) with your paid membership. Members may opt to receive 6 issues of the Rangeland Ecology and Management for \$25.00 per year.  
I would like to receive the Rangeland Ecology and Management  Yes  No

## **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

Payment must be made in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank. Please make checks/money orders payable to: **Society For Range Management**

Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Optional Subscriptions \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Payment:  Visa  MasterCard  American Express  Discover

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Name as it appears on credit card

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Expiration Date

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Signature (REQUIRED)

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## **MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION**

**Regular**—Basic individual membership, includes Rangelands and the *Member Resource News*, voting privileges, committee service, and nomination & election to any office.

**Additional Family**—Individuals of same household desiring more than one Regular membership. Families receive only one set of publications, but each member retains all rights & privileges of Regular member.

**Student**—Full-time students (high school through graduate school). Not eligible to hold office. Must succeed to different class of membership in the calendar year following termination of course of study.

**Life**—Same as Regular with one-time dues payment.

**Life Family**—Individuals of same family desiring more than one Life membership.

**Commercial**—Businesses, proprietorships, individuals or other entities organized for profit. Must designate a representative. Listed in Society publications.

**Institutional**—Institutions or other entities not organized for profit (i.e., Federal agencies, livestock organizations, Indian tribes, universities). Membership is in institutions name with a designated representative. Not eligible to hold office. Listed in Society publications

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## **SCHEDULE OF DUES (As of Jan. 1, 2005)**

**Regular**— \$85 (all Sections except Mexico/Unsectioned) \***Life**—\$1,500 (Call SRM office for installment plan option)

\$80 (Mexico/Unsectioned)

\***Life Family**—\$1,750 (Call SRM office for installment plan option)

\***Additional Family**— \$35 (all Sections except Mexico/Unsectioned, must accompany another Regular membership in same household)

**Student** – \$35 (all Sections except Mexico/Unsectioned)

**Commercial**—\$525 (includes Section

**Institutional** – \$205 (includes Section)

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## **SECTIONS**

Arizona

California-Pacific (California, Hawaii, and all the lands in the Pacific not currently associated with the following: Mexico and Pacific Northwest Sections of SRM, the state of Alaska, Australia),

Colorado

Florida

Idaho

International Mountain (Alberta, Western Montana)

Kansas

Mexico

Nat'l Capital (Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia)

Nebraska

Nevada

New Mexico

North Central (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Ontario, Quebec, Wisconsin)

Northern Great Plains (Eastern Montana, Manitoba, North Dakota, Saskatchewan)

Oklahoma

Pacific Northwest (British Columbia, Oregon, Washington)

South Dakota

Southern (Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee)

Texas

Utah

Wyoming

Unsectioned (Alaska, Foreign)

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**The King Ranch Institute for Ranch Management Holt/CAT Symposium** on Excellence in Ranch Management: Tools for Ranch Management - Goals, Decisions, and Financial Viability. October 20–21, 2005, Texas A&M University-Kingsville. Contact Mona Jackson at (361) 593-5401, or go to <http://krirm.tamuk.edu> after July 1 for more information.

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**Information-Theoretic Methods**  
**A 2-Day Short Course, August 3–4, 2005**  
**Offered by David R. Anderson**

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**G**eneral analysis methods based on Kullback-Leibler information will be introduced in this 2-day short course. The material focuses on science hypotheses, models, and model selection methods such as AIC, AICc, and QAICc. After introducing important background material, methods are introduced to allow formal statistical inference to be based on more than a single model (multimodel inference). The material is not deeply mathematical; instead the emphasis is on science concepts and philosophy and several examples are provided.

The short course is based on the recent book,

**Burnham, K.P. and D.R. Anderson. 2002.** Model selection and multimodel inference: a practical information-theoretic approach. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., Springer-Verlag, New York, NY. 488pp.

The short course will be held in Fort Collins, CO. Additional details and registration information are provided at

<http://aicanderson3.home.comcast.net>

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**Membership Stats**

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SRM welcomes its new members. Following is a list of new members, their section and recruiter for March 18, 2005–April 20, 2005.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Recruited By</u>
Alice Gordon	AZ	
Robert Nuzum	Cal-Pac	
Louis Clayburn	Cal-Pac	
Jay Wilson	CO	Vickie Branch
Robert Nelson	FL	Pete Deal
Pat Pfeil	FL	Brady Pfeil
Silka Finkbeiner	NE	
Kylie McRae	NGP	Kelsey Henkleman
Tina Gomez	PNW	
James Brigges	PNW	Steve Barker
Ardon Harrison	TX	Mort Kothmann
Katy Weber	TX	Barron Rector
Colin Rosser	TX	Dr. Bob Knight
Ken Fine	TX	Karen Schneider
Jeffrey Johnson	TX	Ron Sosebee
Kris Gruwell	UT	
Alan J. Ball	UT	
Ashley Garrelts	WY	
Cassidy Bromley	WY	

**Research and Teaching Position in Temperate/Transition Zone Grasslands**  
**Department of Plant & Soil Sciences**  
**University of Kentucky**

**JOB TITLE:** Assistant or Associate Professor.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** This is an 85% research and 15% teaching, full time (12-month) tenure track position at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** The appointee is expected to develop a creative and productive research program in temperate/transition zone grassland ecosystems managed for animal production that addresses issues of importance to Kentucky agriculture. Possible research fields within grasslands include: ecology, physiology and management of herbage legume and grass-legume associations; grazing systems for beef cattle, horses, and small ruminants; plant-animal relationships; and pre- and post-harvest forage quality. This position is an integral part of the forage-livestock programs of the Department and College and collaboration in the research, instruction, and extension efforts of other faculty is strongly encouraged. Opportunities for cooperative research are also available with scientists of the USDA-ARS Forage Animal Production Unit at Lexington and the USDA-ARS Animal Waste Management Research Unit at Bowling Green, KY. The successful candidate will develop a nationally and internationally recognized research program with strong publication and extramural funding records.

Instructional responsibilities include teaching a dual level undergraduate/graduate course in grassland agriculture and the recruitment and direction of graduate students. Opportunities are also available in undergraduate education including teaching, advising and recruitment. Instructional effort will be expected to address the needs of students interested in equine as well as food animal enterprises.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** A Ph.D. in agronomy, range science, plant science or related disciplines with research experience in grassland agroecosystems. Supporting qualifications and/or experience could include: bovine and equine sciences; forage quality analysis; landscape-scale systems; GPS and GIS; remote-sensing techniques; non-destructive measurement methodology; experimental design and analysis; and spatial statistics and analysis.

**RANK AND SALARY:** The position is expected to be filled at the Assistant Professor or Associate Professor level, depending on qualifications. Salary, fringe benefits, and operating support are highly competitive with other leading land-grant universities.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURES:** Applications will be accepted until August 1, 2005 or until a suitable applicant is selected. The position is available October 1, 2005. To apply for this position # SO508209, a UK Online Application must be submitted at [www.uky.edu/ukjobs](http://www.uky.edu/ukjobs). The application should include three documents: a cover letter and curriculum vitae with the names and addresses of three referees (and have letters sent), university transcripts (scanned copies acceptable), and a 1 or 2 page statement of research interests relating to the focus of the position plus a brief statement of teaching interests and philosophy. If you have any questions concerning how to apply, contact HR/ Employment, phone (859) 257-9555 press 2, or email [ukjobs@email.uky.edu](mailto:ukjobs@email.uky.edu). Questions about the position can be directed to: Dr. Michael Barrett (Chair), Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, ([mbarrett@uky.edu](mailto:mbarrett@uky.edu); telephone 859-257-5020, x 80709).

Applications and inquiries from women and minorities are encouraged. The University of Kentucky is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Applications will be accepted without regard to race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The address of the College of Agriculture EEO Coordinator is Room S-101 Agriculture Science-North, Lexington, KY 40546-0091.