

## Percy Sladen Memorial Fund Grants

### *Guidelines*

The Fund exists to support specific research projects. This means that it does not normally give general support expeditions, nor does it usually support undergraduates... In recent years the Trustees have focussed their support on field work in the life and earth sciences, both through expeditions,...and through individual research projects overseas. No requirements are laid down as to prior qualifications or nationality.

In assessing applications the Trustees will continue to lay the strongest emphasis on evidence that sound scientific research is likely to be achieved. Applicants should consider such matters as conservation and international relations. The Trustees thus consider that expeditions involving botanical or zoological collecting should indicate that the interests of conservation have been taken into account. Some countries allow collecting only under permit. Evidence should be given that such permits have been obtained or applied for.

The establishment of good relations between those undertaking overseas research and their host countries is also important. Applicants are therefore asked to indicate, wherever appropriate, whether local scientists have been contacted and are aware of the proposed research, with a view to collaborating or giving assistance. There may also be an opportunity for local university students to participate usefully.