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EDITOR'S NOTE: In order to keep the membership of the IMS informed of it's activities, the Institute will publish a periodic Newsletter...All members are invited to submit any news items they deem of special interest to:

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MEETING NOTICE: Our next meeting will be held THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 8:00 P.M. in the Auditorium of the Museum. The speaker will be Albert Weintraub, Board Member and Chief of IMS Research Section, who will present a slide lecture on "Cultural Diffusion".

ACTIVITIES TO DATE INCLUDE:

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBIT OF MAYA AREA: During January and February, 1972 the Peter Harrison collection of photographs of The Maya Area was exhibited in the main lobby of the Museum of Science. Members Hal C. Ball and Eugene Dynner served as a coordinating committee to make this exhibit possible.

ARTICLE ON MAYA WELL: Article by IMS Associate Director Hal C. Ball describing an old Maya well in northern Guatemala was published in the February issue of MUSE NEWS, monthly publication of the Museum of Science.

LECTURE SERIES: Programs in conjunction with regular monthly meetings of the IMS featured a slide talk by Director Charles Lacombe on Maya Weather Maps in the Sky at the January meeting. Associate Director Dr. Allan Kaplan presented a slide lecture on Sociologic and Cultural Aspects of Pre-Columbian Art at the February meeting.

MAYA STELA FOR MUSEUM OF SCIENCE: The IMS has completed negotiations with the Guatemalan government for extended loan of Stela #2 from the Machaquila site. The Stelae was removed illegally from Guatemala and is now in Los Angeles awaiting outcome of a suit by Guatemala for its recovery. Albert Weintraub is assembling documentation attesting to the nature and value of the Stelae in assistance to Guatemala's case.

MONTE ALTO PROJECT: A reception announcing the Museum of Science's sponsorship of this archaeological project in southern Guatemala was held at the Museum of Science on March 23rd. Project Director Edwin Shook spoke to IMS members at a special meeting March 22nd. The project was brought to the Museum through the efforts of the Institute.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: At the March meeting, the Board named Charles Lacombe, Hal C. Ball and Dr. Allan Kaplan the IMS Executive Committee for planning and coordination purposes and to expedite implementation of board approved policies. Timothy J. Sullivan, Chief of the IMS Research Section on Anthropology, was approved as Treasurer following the resignation of Wilbur Pearson from the office due to pressure of business. Mr. Pearson will continue his active membership in the IMS. Louis G. Johnson was approved as Publications Chairman and was named to the Board. Mrs. Beverly Little was approved as Secretary.

COORDINATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI: On March 4th, a meeting was held at the University of Miami between the Executive Committee of IMS (messrs. Lacombe, Ball and Kaplan), with Dr. William Hutchinson, Director of the Department of Anthropology. Topic of Discussion was future cooperation between the professors and students of the Anthropology Department and members of the IMS.

PUBLICATION SERIES: In the near future, the IMS, in conjunction with the Museum of Science, will inaugurate a series of publications in the Pre-Columbian field with an article by the eminent archaeologist Stanley H. Boggs, titled: "Salvadoran Varieties of Wheeled Figurines." The Editorial Board of Review for this publication series will include distinguished archaeologists: Dr. David Pendergast, Associate Curator, Office of the Chief Archaeologist, Royal Ontario Museum (he was Field Director of the ROM Altun Ha Expedition, 1964-1970); Edwin Shook, Monte Alto Project Director and Research Associate of the Museum of Science and Stanley H. Boggs, former President of the University of San Salvador.

IMS LIBRARY: A prime objective of the IMS is to build a Pre-Columbian Research Library to be housed at the Museum. IMS Librarian Robert Moore is seeking donations of books from the general public and the membership. A rare volume of "Rambles in Yucatan" by B. M. Norman, published in 1849, has already been donated by member Lucy Norman Bitterlich, granddaughter of the author. Hal Ball has donated "The History of the Maya" by Thomas Gann and J. Eric Thompson.