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ACADEMY WELCOMES WATERSHED SCIENTIST

PHILADELPHIA—The Academy of Natural Sciences is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Jerry V. Mead as Assistant Curator of Watershed and Systems Ecology.

A systems ecologist in the Academy's Patrick Center for Environmental Research, Mead's research focuses on computer modeling in connection with the potential impacts of climate change, land-use, and water management on the environment. Before coming to the Academy, he was a post-doctoral Research Fellow in the Department of Earth and Environmental Science, University of Pennsylvania, and a research specialist at Thousand Island Biological Station, SUNY ESF, Syracuse, N.Y.

The Patrick Center, established in 1947, studies aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems, including the effects of natural processes and human activities, applies this knowledge to assess ecosystem health and develops watershed-level strategies for enhancing environmental quality.

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The Academy is located at 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and until 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is: \$10 for adults, \$8 for children ages 3-12, seniors, military personnel and students, and free for children under 3. There is a \$2 fee for Butterflies!