



Robert A. Wharton (left), Texas A&M University, and Sidney W. Dunkle, International Odonata Institute, Gainesville, were the first recipients of grants from the Center for Systematic Entomology (Photo by Jeff Lotz).

CSE Grants Report

The Center for Systematic Entomology periodically awards research grants to its members for systematic studies in support of the Florida State Collection of Arthropods (FSCA).

The first grant was awarded to Robert A. Wharton, Texas A&M University, to curate portions of the Braconidae (Hymenoptera) at the FSCA. From 11 March through 14 March, 1991, Dr. Wharton sorted the previously unsorted braconids to loanable units, mostly to genus. He also re-organized the braconid subfamilies Opiinae and Alysiinae and identified leafminer parasites for a research project conducted by Dr. David Schuster, University of Florida, Bradenton.

A grant to study specimens of Odonata at the

National Museum of Natural History (NMNH), Washington, D. C. was awarded to Sidney W. Dunkle, International Odonata Research Institute, Gainesville. From 26 March to 31 March, Dr. Dunkle compared specimens from the FSCA and his collection with holotypes and examined all other holotypes and paratypes. He also recorded new county records from Florida specimens and corrected a number of misidentifications in the NMNH collection.

Future grants will be awarded semi-annually as funds permit. Interested researchers who are members of the Center for Systematic Entomology should contact the Center's secretary for additional information.