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THE INTERNATIONAL *SOREX ARANEUS*
CYTOGENETICS COMMITTEE

The International *Sorex araneus* Cytogenetics Committee (ISACC) was appointed at the closing session of the first and very successful meeting «Population and Evolutionary Cytogenetics of *Sorex araneus*», Oxford, August 29 to September 1, 1987, in order to stimulate research and international cooperation as well as to hold regular meetings on this topic.

This second international meeting is the result of ISACC's activities. The Committee is glad to take this opportunity to present the work it was asked to do at the Oxford meeting: a standardized nomenclature of the chromosomes of *S. araneus*. This work was coordinated by our Chairman, Jeremy Searle. At the end of the second meeting, the ISACC decided to carry on with its activities, to publish a yearly newsletter and to work out a karyotypic race definition and nomenclature. The third international meeting will take place in mid september, 1993 in Brno, Czechoslovakia.

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