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Note: Dr. Ted Daeschler, Dr. Tatyana Livshultz and Dianne Mizzy are available for media interviews.

ACADEMY NAMES THREE TO KEY POSTS

PHILADELPHIA—The Academy of Natural Sciences is pleased to announce the recent appointments of three top administrators at the oldest natural science research institution and museum in the Americas.

Dr. Ted Daeschler, the Academy's Associate Curator and Chair of Vertebrate Zoology, was appointed Vice President for the Center for Systematic Biology and the Library. Daeschler, a paleontologist at the Academy since 1987, conducts research focused on Devonian-age fossils from Pennsylvania and the Canadian Arctic. He made international news in 2006 for his work on *Tiktaalik roseae*, a 370-million-year-old species that is widely recognized as the best evolutionary intermediate between fishes and limbed animals.

"I've had an extraordinary opportunity to develop my scientific interests at the Academy and will continue to pursue those goals," said Daeschler. "I'm pleased, however, to accept a larger role by providing leadership and cultivating funding for our remarkable group of scientists, unique research collections and outstanding library."

Dianne Mizzy, assistant head of the Engineering Library, University of Pennsylvania, since 2003 and acting head from 2006 to 2007, is the new Director of the Ewell Sale Stewart Library. Mizzy also held positions between 1999 and 2003 at the Information Sciences and Hillman Library, University of Pittsburgh, and the Engineering and Science Library, Carnegie Mellon University. The Academy's library was established when the Academy was founded in 1812 and is one of the top natural science research libraries in the U.S.

Dr. Tatyana Livshultz, assistant professor of biology at the University of Nebraska, Omaha, for the last two years, is the new Botany Curator. She earned her Ph.D. in plant science from Cornell University and completed a Mercer post-doctoral fellowship at the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University. Her research focuses on the evolution of the milkweed and dogbane family. The Academy's botanical collection of 1.5 million specimens is one of the oldest and most significant collections in the Americas.

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Founded in 1812, The Academy of Natural Sciences is the oldest natural science research institution and museum in the Americas and is a world leader in biodiversity and environmental research. The mission of the Academy is the encouragement and cultivation of the sciences.

The Academy is located at 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway and is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and weekends until 5 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children ages 3–12, seniors, college students and military personnel, and free for Members and children under 3. There is an additional \$2 entry fee for "Butterflies!"