

NOTICE OF RETRACTION AND CORRIGENDUM

A communication was received from Dr. James Parham relating to authorship of a paper published in the *Proceedings of the California Academy of Sciences*, series 4, vol. 57 (28 December 2006), pages 955–964, titled **Genetic evidence for premature taxonomic inflation in Middle Eastern tortoises**. Dr. Parham requests the following notice be issued:

Corrigendum

Dr. Yehudah Werner was mistakenly added as an author onto the paper **Genetic evidence for premature taxonomic inflation in Middle Eastern tortoises** because of a misunderstanding among the senior author (Parham), the organizing author (Papenfuss), and Dr. Werner. Dr. Werner had provided access to seminal materials that had been requested by Parham and Papenfuss but, through an oversight, he was not given an opportunity to review and critique the paper before submission for publication. Because of the oversight, Parham and Papenfuss want to correct the record and apologize to both Dr. Werner and the Editors of the Academy's *Proceedings*.

The Editor of the *Proceedings*, having received this notice, hereby retracts the paper as originally presented in the *Proceedings* and issues the following emendation to the title and authorship of the paper:

**Genetic Evidence for Premature Taxonomic Inflation
in Middle Eastern Tortoises**

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ser. 4, 57(28 December)(33):955-964, figs. 1-2, 1 table, Appendix.