

NEWSLETTER
International Society of Hymenopterists
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Message from Jim Carpenter, President.

Dominating the news at this hour is the updated information on the forthcoming Quadrennial Congress in Australia - see the announcement below. This is an opportunity not to be missed! Verily, let the nations gather in Canberra (guess what the word means) - so start saving your pocket change now; you'll have a long way to go.

Aside from that, two items of old business are of import: First, production of two issues of the Journal of Hymenoptera Research is now ongoing! See the Editor's report below, and send your manuscripts (and cards and letters) to Eric Grissell. And keep them coming; two issues per year should only be the beginning.

The second item lingers like a hangover: we still have not been able to arrange credit card payments for Society subscriptions. We have not given up, but cash flow is an annoying obstacle. We will continue to work on this.

FURTHER UPDATE

Fourth Conference of the International Society of Hymenopterists

Canberra, AUSTRALIA

January 6-11, 1999

Organization for the next Conference, to be held at the Australian National University, Canberra, is progressing well. It has been timed to follow shortly after the 13th International Congress of the IUSSI (International Union for the Study of Social Insects) (Adelaide, 29th December 1998 to 4th January 1999).

The Organizing Committee has decided on four Special Symposia, in addition to the normal contributed sessions. Each will have a Plenary Speaker and, although the exact titles have not been decided, provisionally they have been arranged as follows:

Systematics/Biodiversity (Dr I.D. Gauld, The Natural History Museum, London) Evolutionary Ecology (Professor H.C.J. Godfray, Imperial College, Silwood Park) Physiology/Molecular

Biology (Dr M.R. Strand, University of Wisconsin, Madison) Biological Control (Dr M.A. Keller, The University of Adelaide).

The opportunity also exists for contributed papers to be combined into more informal symposia, and anyone wishing to make suggestions and/or be involved in this should contact Andy Austin (Department of Crop Protection, The University of Adelaide, P.O. Glen Osmond South Australia 5064; email: aaustin@waite.adelaide.edu.au).

Further updated information can be obtained at the Society's web page (<http://iris.biosci.ohio-state.edu/ish/ishhome.html>) or by contacting the Conference address: Dr I.D. Naumann, 4th Conference of the International Society of Hymenopterists, c/o CSIRO, Division of Entomology, P.O. Box 1700, Canberra, ACT 2601 AUSTRALIA (fax: 61-6-246.4264; e-mail: iann@ento.csiro.au).

Next Meeting of ISH in North America:

The next annual meeting in North America will take place December, 1997, in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America in Nashville, Tennessee. Please consult the program for that meeting for the time and place. In past years it has usually been scheduled as an informal conference in the evening.

Minutes from Meeting of ISH, held in conjunction with the Entomological Society of America, Louisville, Kentucky, USA, December 8, 1996.

The meeting was presided over by Past President, Donald Quicke. Approximately 50 members and others were present.

1. New officers were introduced:

President - Jim Carpenter (carpente@amnh.org)
President-Elect - Andy Austin (aaustin@waite.adelaide.edu.au)
Secretary - Jim Woolley (JimWoolley@tamu.edu)
Treasurer - John Huber (HuberJ@ncccot.agr.ca)
Editor - Eric Grissell (mnhen020@SIVM.SI.EDU)

2. Report on meeting of ISH at Florence, Italy.

3. Report on results of mail ballot to raise dues of Society (see below) and to institute page charges for Journal of Hymenoptera Research. Page charges will be \$10 per printed page. Some or all page charges may be waived at the Editor's discretion.

4. The need for continuing sponsorships of dues by members in more fortunate circumstances was discussed. At present, members may choose their own sponsors or sponsorees. It would be helpful for the Society to keep a list of potential sponsorees.

5. The new Editor of Journal of Hymenoptera Research, Eric Grissell, was introduced and he gave a short presentation on his goals for the journal. Grissell made a motion, seconded by Quicke, to allow book reviews in JHR. Motion carried by unanimous hand vote. A second issue was discussed relative to encouraging papers by students. Although the philosophy of JHR is to publish comprehensive papers on topics relating to Hymenoptera, students may not be in a position to do this. Justin Schmidt made a motion,

seconded by Quicke, to allow the editor to accept less comprehensive papers by students at his discretion. Grissell mentioned the need for foreign language editors to assist with papers from foreign contributors [volunteers should contact the Editor!]. Finally, the pros and cons of theme issues and special issues of JHR were discussed. Opportunities are available for JHR to publish special issues such as the upcoming manual for Identification of New World Braconidae. However, using a regular issue of ISH for this would result in the delay of other manuscripts. There was general support for special publications of JHR in such cases.

6. The tragic and untimely death of one of our members, Byron Alexander, was mentioned and all present observed some moments of silence in Byron's memory.

REPORT from E.E. Grissell, EDITOR, Journal of Hymenoptera Research

The October issue of Journal of Hymenoptera Research will be going to press on schedule (more or less). At present the issue will contain 11 papers (405 manuscript pages), and we have 8 additional papers at hand (245 manuscript pages) for the April 1998 issue. The subject editors are doing an impeccable job of placing papers with excellent reviewers and of synthesizing the reviewers' comments along with their own. The reviewers are doing a fastidious job of reading manuscripts. If I can find any fault at all, it is with some authors who tend to be a tad less concerned with their own papers than might be expected. That is, the reviewers and subject editors seem to be picking up and pointing out aspects that the authors themselves should be concerned about. Reviewers should not have to work so hard, and when they do, perhaps they should be included as co-authors! We have so far not rejected any manuscripts, but it is largely because the reviewers and subject editors have done a fine job of proposing rewrites for papers that otherwise might have been returned to the authors as unacceptable. Let this be a word of caution: Do not alienate the reviewers or they may become disillusioned with their fellow hymenopterists. Then they will get even. This is the FIRST IMPORTANT MESSAGE for all potential authors.

SECOND IMPORTANT MESSAGE to Authors: Your editor unexpectedly has been offered an opportunity to flee the country and spend three months in South Africa. I plan to do so sometime from December (1997) or January to March/April of 1998. In order to accomplish this without interrupting the flow of the JHR, we are asking you to send manuscripts to the appropriate Subject Editor as follows: Biology of Parasitica to Dr. Mark Shaw, Department of Natural History, Royal Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1JE, Scotland [Fax: [011] [44] 131 2204819; email: mrs@nms.ac.uk]; Systematics of Parasitica/Symphyla to Dr. Donald Quicke, Department of Biology, Imperial College at Silwood Park, Ascot, Berks. SL5 7PY, England, UK [Fax: [011] [44] 344 294339; email: d.quirke@ic.ac.uk]; Biology of Aculeata to Dr. Sydney A. Cameron, Department of Entomology, 321 Agriculture, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville AR 72701 USA [Fax: (501) 575-2452; email: scameron@comp.uark.edu]; Systematics of Aculeata to Dr. Wojciech J. Pulawski, Department of Entomology, California Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA 94118-4599 USA [Fax: (415) 750-7228; email: wpulawski@calacademy.org]. This will be a temporary situation in effect from November 1997 to April 1998. Between those dates please send your manuscripts directly to the Subject Editor with whom you will conduct all manuscript-related discussions. Failure to do so will simply result in a delayed publication date.

Finally and importantly, I would like to express my personal thanks to the outgoing editor, Paul Marsh, for his willingness to help during my initiation into this process and for the smooth transfer of duties that has so far taken place. I am certain that the entire membership will agree with me in thanking Paul for his work on behalf of the Society and for his input into the creation and continuance of our fledgling journal. In addition, Dave Smith, our first editor, has been extremely helpful in walking me through the manuscript submission protocol with Allen Press. His guidance has been invaluable.

MESSAGE from John Huber, TREASURER

Now that we are producing 2 issues per year, in early May and probably late fall (Oct.-Nov.) it would help a lot if members paid their yearly dues well before May 1. Allen Press requests mailing labels from the treasurer on May 1 so they can send out the first issue for a year. Anyone not paid up by that date consequently will not be on the mailing list for the May issue. That means the treasurer has to write the Secretary each time a late payment arrives, instructing him to send a volume to that person. There will inevitably be delays in the member receiving the volume because it takes time for Allen Press to send extra copies to the secretary, and for him to respond to requests from the treasurer. So for your sakes and ours, please do your best to submit dues by mid-April at the latest.

Because dues have increased by \$10, back issues beginning with Vol. 6(1997) will cost \$41 instead of \$31. Vols. 1-5 can still be purchased for \$31.

A Reminder

As funds permit, issues of this newsletter will be sent to persons whose membership in the Society has LAPSED due to non-payment of dues. Therefore, please do not regard receipt of this newsletter as confirmation that your dues are paid! If you would like to check on your dues status, please contact the Treasurer or Secretary (addresses above and below), by email if possible.

Message from Organizers, XXI International Congress of Entomology

As decided in Florence, Brazil will held the next International Congress of Entomology from August 20-26, 2000. We are building up our mailing list, and we depend on the help of organized societies to send us names and addresses, in order to advertise the XXI ICE and pass on information to the entomologists that want to be kept informed about the Congress. We ask if the International Society of Hymenopterists can cooperate with us, sending names and addresses, and specially, E-mail addresses of entomologists, so we can ask them if they want to be put on our mailing list. Thank you for your attention.

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XXI International Congress of Entomology Home Page : <http://www.embrapa.br/ice>

ISH will soon send our mailing list including email addresses to the Congress. If you wish not to have your name and address sent, please notify the Secretary:

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