



NEWSLETTER
International Society of
Hymenopterists
April 2002

President's Report

This will be the final report of my presidency, as Lynn Kimsey will be taking over at the Beijing meetings in July.

My first item is a reminder to vote for the President-Elect of your choice, and to do it before the deadline of May 15. We have three excellent candidates this year in Denis Brothers, Sydney Cameron and Ian Gauld. These three represent a wide range of interests, and a nice geographic spread. They are all established scientists with excellent international reputations and the executive is confident that all of them would do an outstanding job for the Society. Short biographies for the candidates are supplied in this newsletter, so read them and get your ballots in.

Another reminder. Don't forget to register for the next International ISH meeting in Beijing before May 1.

The selection committee for the ISH Awards has met and decided on recipients. The first recipient of the ISH Distinguished Research Medal is Dr Charles Michener. The selection criteria for this award were really quite simple: an individual who has made significant and distinguished research contributions to the study of Hymenoptera. In our minds, Dr Michener exemplified these qualifications. Unfortunately, Dr Michener will not be able to attend the Beijing meetings to receive the award, so plans are being made to deliver the award to him in a ceremony in Kansas.

The first recipient of the ISH Service Award is Dr James B. Woolley. Jim has served the Society for years in an "above and beyond" the call of duty capacity, and is certainly deserving of this recognition. In addition to any Society recognition, I would like to offer my personal thanks to Jim for everything that he has done for the Society, and especially for guiding a string of Presidents through their terms.

The host country for the 6th International ISM meeting (2006) has been chosen and will be South Africa. The exact location has yet to be finalised, but our colleagues down there assure us that we will have a fine conference. Africa is full of natural wonders, so I imagine that more than a few of us will take advantage of the conference to see a little magnificent country and wildlife.

Finally, I would like to close with a special thanks to all the members of the Executive for the help they have given me and the work they do for the Society. Keeping something like ISH going takes a great deal of time, effort and dedication. We are fortunate in having outstanding colleagues to serve us in that respect. Without them the Society would not have achieved the amount of profile and recognition that it has today.

John La Salle
Canberra
April, 2002

Journal of Hymenoptera Research
Message from the Editor

Volume 10 of the Journal of Hymenoptera Research consisted of two issues: No. 1 was mailed on 26 April and No. 2 was mailed on 7 November. Volume 10 totaled 281 pages and included 21 articles and 1 scientific note. From 1 January to 30 November 2001 a total of 23 manuscripts were received. Of these, 17 were accepted after review and rewrite; 1 was rejected; and 5 are still under review. In most cases each paper was read by two reviewers, a subject editor, and the editor; in a few cases a subject editor acted as one of the two reviewers.

The Editor and Subject Editors are grateful to the numerous reviewers who have contributed much time and effort in writing constructive reviews and attempting to help authors communicate more effectively. Without the guidance of these individuals the editorial progress would be much diminished. I extend my gratitude for the expeditious and commendable manuscript handling rendered by our four Subject Editors, Sydney Cameron, Don Quicke, Wojciech Pulawski, and Mark Shaw. They spend a great amount of time reconciling the reviewers' comments with the paper's contents, and are paramount in suggesting improvements for many of the submitted papers.

Eric E. Grissell, Editor
Journal of Hymenoptera Research
December, 2001

Important Announcement regarding Mailing Addresses
for Journal of Hymenoptera Research

All United States Postal Service (USPS) mail to my address at the US Museum of Natural History, Washington, DC, has been severely compromised by the anthrax fiasco. Because of this, manuscripts that were mailed to me last October (2001) are just beginning to show up. Anything mailed in November is probably in a holding pit somewhere. Manuscripts mailed in December and January have been held up for less periods of time, but have gone through an irradiation process that toasts paper, ruins electronic discs, and yellows photographic plates.

Under the circumstances the museum has created a new address that bypasses many of the problems created in the US Postal Service. All matters sent through governmental mailing systems (US or overseas) relating to the journal (including proofs, manuscripts, revisions, etc.) should now be sent to the NEW ADDRESS that follows:

Dr. E. E. Grissell
Systematic Entomology Laboratory, USDA
Smithsonian Institution
PO Box 37012
National Museum of Natural History, CE-520, MRC168
Washington, DC 20013-7012

Please note, however, that all materials sent via Fed EX, DHL, United Parcel Service, private courier, etc. can still be sent to my regular address as follows.

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A Step Forward To A New Catalog Of Cuban Hymenoptera

Even though Cuba is a major keystone in the understanding of Caribbean biodiversity, for many years the country has remained as an unexplored land and has been far less studied than its surrounding areas. This is especially true for insects and Hymenoptera in particular. Current information needs to be updated and new data will surely increase our present knowledge.

In 1970 Dr. Pastor Alayo - the greatest Cuban entomologist of the XX century - wrote the only Catalog of Cuban Hymenoptera, actually published in 1973, where he summarized his studies of the Order. In this Catalog 389 genera and 915 species were included. Recently Genaro and Tejuca (Cocuyo Newsletter, No. 8, p. 24, 1999) mentioned 475 genera and 1077 species to the country, but the real number is thought to be at least twice that. We just simply do not know, because of some ecosystems have not been sampled; a lot of collecting devices (such as interception and light traps) have been used in just a few places or almost not used at all (e.g.: Malaise traps); and many large groups have not been studied by specialists during last 25 years of more - such as Ichneumonoidea, Chalcidoidea, Proctotrupoidea, Cynipoidea and some genera of Aculeata.

For first time in the history of Cuban entomology 4-5 researchers (3 of them members of ISH) are studying the Order in the country. Last July we agreed to work together toward a new Catalog, and we have proposed a three-year project (mid 2002 - mid 2005). At present we are looking for funds to do that, and we would like to receive suggestions from anyone interested. There are several topics in which support is also needed, for example: information from specimens housed at foreign collections, recent taxonomic papers, expertise knowledge (groups such as Cynipoidea are without somebody working in Cuba now), and so forth.

Complete information about the proposal and suggestions can be sent to the leader of the project (address below). Any ideas or support are welcome!

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Secretary's Report

	2002 (to date)	2001	2000	1999
All Members	375	355	368	320
Student Members	56	57	52	40
Sponsored Members	51	50	52	33
Not yet renewed	34	41	25	58
Institutional Members	41	41	45	40

The numbers speak for themselves. Overall membership continues on an upward trajectory. As always, we welcome suggestions for new sponsored members, particularly students. Of perpetual concern is the number of members who are late in paying their annual dues. This costs the society money and time. In addition, we still have 61 members without a current email address. Please contact us if you have recently received one, or if your email address changes.

Jim Woolley, Secretary, JimWoolley@tamu.edu

Treasurer's Report

As of 30 November, 2001, income to the Society from membership dues, back orders, sales and interest on bank accounts totaled \$17,661.57. Profit from the Canberra Conference returned \$6352.32 and royalties for the sale of the conference proceeding returned another \$1061.63.

Expenses totaled \$18,045.01. Including the carryover in the Ottawa and College Station accounts from 2000, the society expects to end the year with approximately \$32,000 in the bank. Of particular note are the "special projects" that have resulted in very considerable revenue to the Society: sales of Wharton et al., Manual of New World Braconidae resulted in \$1689.26, sales of Mike Schauff Girault CD's returned \$160. These funds are used to sponsor members and student members or are earmarked for the Endowment Fund.

John Huber, Treasurer

Final Reminder!

**5th International Conference of Hymenopterists
Beijing, China, July 2002**

Our 5th Quadrennial Conference will be held in Beijing in July, 2002. The deadline for early registration, May 1, is fast approaching. If you wish to attend, you should move quickly. A call for papers and registration materials may be found at <http://www.congress.com.cn/ich/index.htm>

ISH Scientific Forum

**To be held in association with Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
November 17-20**

Moderated by Lynn Kimsey, President-Elect, and Jim Woolley, Secretary

- 15 minutes.** **N. M. Schiff** (1) and L.P.S. Kuenen (2). (1) U.S. D. A. Forest Service, Center for Bottomland Hardwoods Research, P.O. Box 227, Stoneville, MS 38776, 626-686-3175, FAX: 662-686-3195, nschiff@fs.fed.us (2) USDA ARS, HCRL, 9611 S. Riverbend Ave., Parlier, CA 93648 **"Sawfly behavior: life out on a limb"**
- 15 minutes.** **S.N. Myartseva** (1) and G. Evans (2). (1) UAM Agronomia y Ciencias, Universidad Autónoma de Tamaulipas, Matamoros B y 9, Tamaulipas 87149, México, 834-318-1800, ext. 2125 (2) Division of Plant Industry, P.O. Box 147100, Gainesville, Florida 32614, 352-372-3505, FAX: 352-955-2301, evansg@doacs.state.fl.us. **"Species of the genus *Encarsia* Foerster (Hymenoptera: Aphelinidae) - parasitoids of whiteflies of the genus *Tetraleurodes* (Homoptera: Aleyrodidae) in México."**
- 15 minutes.** **Addisu B. (1)**, P. Stary (2), B. Freier (1), and C. Büttner (3). (1) Federal Biological Research centre for Agriculture and Forestry, Institute for Integrated Plant Protection, Stahnsdorfer Damm 81, D- 14532 Kleinmachnow, Germany, +49-33203-48409, B.Adisu@BBA.DE (2) Institute of Entomology, Academy of sciences of the Czech Republic, Branišovská 31, 370 05 České Budejovice, Czech Republic, (3) Humboldt University of Berlin, Institute for Horticultural Sciences, Department of Phytomedicine, Lentzeallee 55-57, D-14195 Berlin- Dahlem, Germany. **"The occurrence of hymenopterous parasitoids associated with the Russian wheat aphid (Homoptera: Aphididae) in barley growing highlands of Ethiopia."**
- 15 minutes** **Matthew Buffington**, Department of Entomology, University of California, Riverside, California, 92521, 909-787-6351, FAX: 909-787-3086, mbuff@citrus.ucr.edu **"The presence of the ovipositor clip within the Figitidae (Hymenoptera: Cynipoidea)."**
- 15 minutes.** **Andy Austin**, Department of Molecular and Applied Ecology, University of Adelaide, Glen Osmond, S.A. 5064, Australia, 61-8-8303-7265, FAX 61-8-8379-4095, aaustin@waite.adelaide.edu.au **"Phylogeny and evolution of host relationships among scellionid and platygastriid wasps"**
- 15 minutes** **Break**

- 15 minutes** Nina M. Laurenne (1), **Gavin R. Broad** (2) and Donald L.J. Quicke (2). (1) *Department of Zoology, University of Helsinki, Finland, +358-9-1917436, FAX: +3598-9-1917445, nina.laurenne@helsinki.fi* (2) *Dept Biological Sciences, Imperial College at Silwood Park, Ascot, Berks SL5 8QQ, UK. 44-01-344-294238, FAX: 44-01-344-294339, d.quicke@ic.ac.uk* **“A molecular phylogeny of the Cryptinae (Hymenoptera: Ichneumonidae): a framework for understanding the classification and biology of a very speciose clade”**
- 15 minutes.** **D.R. Kasparyan, E. Ruíz C. & J.M. Coronado B.,** *UAM Agronomía y Ciencias, Universidad Autónoma de Tamaulipas, Matamoros B y 9, Tamaulipas 87149, México, (131) 81721 ex 2125, FAX (131)81721, eruiz@uamac.uat.mx.* **“A review of Mexican Cryptini (Ichneumonidae:Cryptinae).”**
- 15 minutes.** **Quicke, D. L. J. (1),** Belshaw, R. (1), Broad, G. R. (1) and Laurenne, N. M. (2). (1) *Dept Biological Sciences, Imperial College at Silwood Park, Ascot, Berks SL5 8QQ, UK. 44-01-344-294238, FAX: 44-01-344-294339, d.quicke@ic.ac.uk* (2) *Department of Zoology, University of Helsinki, Finland, +358-9-1917436, FAX: +3598-9-1917445, nina.laurenne@helsinki.fi,* **“Using the ichneumonoid phylogeny to answer questions, and what to do about taxa of uncertain biology”.**
- 15 minutes** **Craig M. Brabant,** *Department of Entomology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 445 Russell Labs, 1630 Linden Drive, Madison, WI 53706, 608-262-2078, FAX: 608-262-3322, brabant@entomology.wisc.edu.* **“Midwestern Mutillidae: A Survey of the Velvet Ants of Wisconsin”.**
- 90 minutes** **Annual Business Meeting,** International Society of Hymenopterists. Lynn Kimsey and James B. Woolley.

<p>Minutes Annual Business Meeting International Society of Hymenopterists San Diego, California USA December 12, 2001</p>

- 1) The Annual Business Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm, following an excellent series of presentations by members in the ISH Scientific Forum. Presiding were Lynn Kimsey, President-Elect, and Jim Woolley, Secretary. From 30-40 members were present.
- 2) Minutes of the last ABM in Montreal, Canada, December 6, 2000, were read. Mike Schauff moved approval, Donald Quick seconded, no corrections or additions were offered from the floor, motion passed on voice vote.
- 3) Lynn Kimsey read the Report from President John LaSalle in which six issues were addressed:
 1. Zdenek Boucek and Charles Michener have been nominated for the ISH Distinguished Research Medal and Jim Woolley has been nominated for the ISH Service Medal. LaSalle has appointed a committee consisting of Andy Austin, Sydney Cameron, Donald Quicke, Phil Ward, and himself to assess the nominees and select the recipients.
 2. LaSalle called for suggestions for members to serve on an Endowment Committee to establish and manage the ISH Endowment Fund.
 3. The 5th International conference of Hymenopterists will be held at Beijing Fragrant Hill hotel, July 22-26, 2002, Beijing, P.R. China. More information about the conference, including how to register and submit papers and posters, can be found at <http://www.ioz.ac.cn/zcd/index.html>, or by sending an e-mail to Zhu Chao-Dong at sea@panda.ioz.ac.cn.
 4. The Executive Committee invites proposals for a venue for the 6th International Conference of Hymenopterists, to be held in 2006. Jim Carpenter reported that the meetings of I.U.S.S.I. will be held in Washington D.C. in 2006. The Society has coordinated past International Conferences to be close in time and location to IUSSI meetings when possible.
 5. An informal meeting of ISH and an Annual Business Meeting will be held at the International Congress of Entomology in Brisbane, Australia in 2004.

6. Timely renewal of membership dues will save the Society the additional postage costs and time required for mailing issues of the journal after it has gone to press. The Executive Committee spends considerable time and resources in tracking down and notifying members who have not yet paid their annual membership dues.
- 4) Jim Woolley read the Editor's Report, Journal of Hymenoptera Research, from Eric Grissell. Mike Schauff reported that U.S. Mail service into and out of Washington D.C. remains slow and uncertain due to increased security screening. Members wishing to submit manuscripts to the Editor should contact him first via email for mailing instructions. Alternatively, manuscripts can be safely sent via Fed-Ex, UPS, and other courier services.
- 5) Jim Woolley read the Treasurer's Report submitted by John Huber. With projected expenses and income remaining in the 2001 calendar year, the Society will close the 2001 calendar year with \$30,000 total in our Ottawa and College Station accounts. Of this total, \$8,303.21 represents income from various special projects including sale of New World braconid manuals, A.A. Girault CD's, return of proceeds from Canberra conference, and royalties of the book that resulted from the Canberra conference. These funds are earmarked for the ISH Endowment Fund. Andy Austin, Bob Wharton, and Mike Schauff were recognized for their continuing efforts in making these special projects possible.
- 6) Jim Woolley presented the Secretary's Report. Membership remains essentially at the same level as 2000, although a somewhat larger fraction of our members are in arrears for 2001 dues than were in arrears at this time in 2000, and Institutional Members are down slightly.

Announcements

- 1) 5th ISH Congress will be held in Beijing 2002. Jim Carpenter reported that the deadline for registration has been extended to May 1, 2002.
- 2) Proceedings of 4th ISH Congress in Canberra are still available in book form, and all royalties from the volume will continue to be directed to the ISH Endowment Fund.

New Business

- 1) At the present time, rates for membership dues are set in the By-Laws of the Constitution. A change in the By-Laws requires a 2/3 majority of members voting by email or mail ballot. The Executive Committee suggested that this procedure for setting membership dues is unnecessarily cumbersome and requested feedback from the membership on a proposed change in the ByLaws that would authorize change in dues structure by majority vote of the Executive Committee. Following discussion, members indicated support for this proposal by a show of hands vote, with one member voting against. Bob Wharton indicated that he would prefer to have the ability to vote on dues increases. The Executive Committee will consider submitting this proposal for email or mail ballot in Spring 2002.
- 2) The Society continues to be on sound financial footing in 2001. However, mailing costs are expected to increase, and with an increase in pages published by JHR, the fact that membership dues do not cover the costs of publishing the journal could erode our financial base. It has been several years since membership dues have been increased. Members were asked to comment on a proposed dues increase of \$5.00 for Members and Institutional Members, to take place in 2003. Rates for Student Members would remain at \$15 annually. Members were generally, but not unanimously, positive about the proposed increase and raised the following points for consideration by the Executive Committee:
 - a. Rates for Sponsorships should remain at \$35 for sponsored members and \$15 for Sponsored Student Members.
 - b. Perhaps the discount for early renewal (or the penalty assessed for renewal after February 15, depending on one's point of view) should be increased.
- 3) Donat Agosti presented two related proposals. He is working with Norm Johnson to make the scientific literature on ants freely available and to establish an electronic Hymenoptera Name Server. In response to a query for a taxon name, the Hymenoptera Name Server would return information on valid name, taxonomic history, and a pdf-formatted copy of the original description. He requested that the Society consider release of copyright for JHR articles for these two specific purposes. Members were positive, but the Executive will need to determine who holds the copyright to JHR. Norm Johnson further requested that the Society endorse the Hymenoptera Name Server as the official listing of taxonomic names in the order, and suggested that it could be made available via the Society's web pages.