



## **NEWSLETTER**

### **International Society of Hymenopterists**

### **December 2002**

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#### **Presidents Report**

This is my first report as president. It is a wonderful time to take over. The Society is in good shape, with membership up and a strong financial picture. There are a number of issues that need to be mentioned. We discussed a number of these at the November meeting in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Perhaps first and most important is the establishment and growth of the Society endowment fund mentioned below. I feel very strongly that a healthy endowment is critical for the future of the Society. It will enable us to undertake special projects, such as student scholarships or travel funds, special publications and other similar programs. Even small donations to the endowment can make a large difference. Add the Society to your holiday list!

In this vein (if you'll pardon the pun) it is also very important for all of us who can to support memberships of scientists and students who cannot afford to be members. I've done this and I hope you can too. Our dues are not particularly costly and doubling the amount you send will be a great aid to the Society. Students particularly are our future, regardless of where they are. In fact as a Society we need to support the research and training of the next generation of Hymenopterists.

The previous President, John LaSalle, discussed the need for the society to move into a more completely electronic format and I am continuing this idea. We are hoping to do more and more of our transactions, newsletters etc. electronically. This will save the Society a considerable amount in postal costs. However, this does not mean that we will ignore our colleagues that are not email or Internet connected.

I am anxious to hear your views and any suggestions you might have about the Society. The Society is really only as strong as the membership makes it. The more feedback we get from you the better. Please send your ideas to me, or any of the other officers.

Finally, many thanks to the outgoing President, John LaSalle, for the terrific job he did. Clearly, a great deal of credit must also be given to the other officers, particularly Jim Woolley, who has put an enormous amount of time and effort into the Society since it was founded.

**Lynn Kimsey, President**

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#### **ISH Endowment Fund Established!**

An Endowment Fund for ISH was established in Summer 2002 in the initial amount of US \$25,000. These funds include member donations, dues for life memberships, and income from special projects such as sales of the Manual of New World Braconidae, A.A. Girault CD, profit from the 4<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Hymenopterists in Canberra, and royalties from the Downton and Austin book: *Hymenoptera: Evolution, Biodiversity & Biological Control*. An Endowment Committee has been established to manage the funds, promote and develop the endowment, and eventually to recommend appropriate projects for its use. The Endowment Committee currently consists of Andy Austin and Brad Vinson. We are looking for a third member to serve on this important committee. Any member wishing to serve or with a suggestion for a good person should contact Lynn Kimsey. At present, the funds are deposited in an interest-bearing account in College

Station, TX. Interest and other income accrued to the Endowment has resulted in a current balance of about \$25,500. Members wishing to make a donation or who know of potential donors should contact Andy Austin or Brad Vinson.

## **Chalcidoidea and Ichneumonidae Databases now available through ISH**

ISH is now able to take orders for the Chalcidoidea 2001 and Ichneumonidae 1998 CD's, and we will accept Visa or MasterCard payments.

The Chalcidoidea CD produced by John Noyes contains information on all aspects of the taxonomy, biology and distribution of more than 26,000 taxa of Chalcidoidea published up to April 2001 and includes many corrections of errors that were present in the first edition. It contains information equivalent to more than 20,000 printed pages. There are also more than 300 images of living chalcidoids, a distribution map facility and an improved capability for host searches.

These CD's should work on any Windows platform, including Windows 95 to Windows 2000 and NT. So far as we know it has not been tested on XP. Mac users should be able to use the CD with "SoftWindows" or "Virtual PC".

**More details can be found at <http://www.taxapad.com>**

### **Prices:**

Chalcidoidea 2001 CD = US\$190 + shipping and handling US\$15 = US\$205  
Ichneumonidae 1998 CD = US\$190 + shipping and handling US\$15 = US\$205  
Chalcidoidea 2001+Ichneumonidae 1998 = US\$285 + shipping US\$15 = US\$300

### **For previous owners of either Taxapad or the old version of Chalcidoidea**

Chalcidoidea 2001 CD = US\$95 + shipping and handling US\$15 = US\$110  
Ichneumonidae 1998 CD = US\$95 + shipping and handling US\$15 = US\$110  
Chalcidoidea 2001+Ichneumonidae 1998 = US\$190 + shipping US\$15 = US\$205

**Note that ISH cannot process upgrade orders without verification of purchase of previous edition from the publisher:**

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If you wish to purchase by Visa or **MasterCard** please contact Jim Woolley, [jimwoolley@tamu.edu](mailto:jimwoolley@tamu.edu).

## **ISH to sponsor a Symposium at International Congress of Entomology Brisbane, Australia, August, 2004**

We have it on good authority that the deadline for submitting symposia for the International Congress of Entomology will be extended to March 1. ISH would like to sponsor a symposium. Therefore, we are requesting that any member with an idea for an ISH symposium submit it one of the Executive Committee by February 1, 2003. This will give us time to appoint a committee to review proposals and select one to submit to ICE. To simplify the process, we suggest that you submit your idea on the official ICE form, to be found at <http://www.ccm.com.au/icoe/symposiumForm.html>.

## 6th International Congress of Hymenopterists, South Africa, 2006

Denis Brothers (brothers@nu.ac.za) would appreciate suggestions on the month and sort of venue (e.g., metropolitan versus rural) members would prefer, to facilitate planning.

### Journal of Hymenoptera Research Message from the Editor

Volume 11 of the *Journal of Hymenoptera Research* consisted of two issues: No. 1 was mailed on 18 April and No. 2 was mailed on 8 October. Volume 11 totalled 371 pages and included 19 articles and 3 scientific notes.

From 1 January to 30 November 2001 a total of 26 manuscripts were received. Of these, 12 were accepted after review and rewrite; 4 were rejected; and 10 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.

During 2002, copies of the journal were sent to the Institute for Scientific Information (www.isinet.com) for evaluation and inclusion in their database. According to their website, "An important part of this data is the 8,600 international journals that ISI covers on an annual basis. ISI indexes complete bibliographic data for every item covered, including English-language author abstracts, author and publisher addresses, as well as the cited references of every journal. ISI is committed to providing comprehensive coverage of the **worlds** most important and influential journals for its subscribers' current awareness and retrospective information retrieval needs. But comprehensive does not necessarily mean all-inclusive." Apparently some authors in our society are not allowed to publish unless it is in a journal recognized by the ISI. In order to evaluate a journal, ISI needs at least one year's worth of publications. They now have this, and we await their decision about inclusion in their database.

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.

I plan to step down as Editor at the completion of Vol. 12/2 (2003), members wishing to be considered for the position of Editor should make their desire known to the President for the 2003 elections.

**NOTE TO CONTRIBUTORS:** New information for producing and submitting electronic plates was added to the inside back cover "Instructions for Authors". Authors should take a look at **that before** submitting final plates.

**Eric Grissell, Editor**

## Secretary's Report

	2002	2001	2000	1999
All Members	379	355	368	320
Student Members	59	57	52	40
Sponsored Members	69	50	52	33
Not yet renewed	23	41	25	58
Institutional Members	41	41	45	40

The numbers speak for themselves. Membership continues on an upward trajectory in a time when many societies are experiencing decreases. As always, we welcome suggestions for new sponsored members, particularly students. We would note, however, that currently the number of sponsored members exceeds the number of sponsors. We ask those of you that are able to do so to consider sponsoring a member or student member.

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 currently have 73 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](mailto:JimWoolley@tamu.edu)

## Treasurer's Report

This report covers the period from January 1 through October of 2002. Total income from membership dues, back orders, donations, sales and interest was \$26,299.28. Expenses for postage, travel, pressing of 10 ISH Distinguished Research Medals and Allen Press Buyer's Guide for 2003 were \$4,727.66, and expenses for reprints for JHR 10(2) and printing, mailing and reprints for 11(1) and 11(2) of JHR were \$23,508.15. Following transfer of funds to ISH Endowment Fund, final balances will be \$3818.11 in Texas account and \$2247.54 in Ottawa account.

These are comparable to the carryover in prior years, once the Endowment is accounted for, but members should note that expenses exceeded income in 2002 by \$1,936.53. Although this can be accounted for in part by unusual expenses in 2002 (ISH medals, Buyer's Guide, and receipt of bill for reprints for 10(2) of JHR in 2002, it does suggest that we should consider a moderate dues increase in 2004.

**John Huber, Treasurer**

### Minutes Annual Business Meeting International Society of Hymenopterists Beijing, People's Republic of China July 25, 2002

The Annual Business Meeting was called to order at 10:15 am, following three and one half days of superb symposia at the 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Hymenopterists at the Beijing Fragrant Hill Hotel, July 22-26, 2002. Presiding were John LaSalle, President, Lynn Kimsey, President-Elect, Denis Brothers, new President-Elect, Jim Woolley, Secretary, and John Huber, Treasurer. About 100 members were present.

- 1) Minutes of the last ABM in San Diego, California, December 12, 2001, were read. Mike Schauff moved approval, John Noyes seconded, and the motion to approve minutes passed by voice vote.

- 2) Denis Brothers announced that the sixth International Conference of Hymenopterists will be held in South Africa in 2006. Denis described potential venues and asked for input on the type of venue from members.
- 3) John LaSalle delivered a President's Report in which the following issues were addressed:
  - a) The next International Conference of Hymenopterists will be held in 2006 in South Africa. The ICH is now on a four year cycle and on a two year offset with the International Congress of Entomology.
  - b) The next International meeting of ISH will be held as an evening meeting at the International Congress of Entomology in Brisbane in August 2004.
  - c) LaSalle announced that the ISH Endowment Fund has been established in the amount of \$25,000. For the time being, the funds are invested in a money market account in College Station, Texas. LaSalle asked for suggestions for members to serve on an Endowment Committee to manage the ISH Endowment Fund.
  - d) Eric Grissell will soon retire as editor of Journal of Hymenoptera Research. We will need to find a new editor in about one year. LaSalle asked for suggestions.
- 4) Jim Woolley presented a Secretary's Report (attached). At the present time the Society has 343 members compared with 355 members at the end of 2001. However, because there are 62 members that have not yet renewed for 2002, this may actually represent a further increase in membership. A listing of numbers of members by country was presented.
- 5) John Huber presented a Treasurer's Report for 2001 (attached). Income from dues, sales of back orders of JHR, donations, reprints and page charges and interest on bank accounts totaled \$17,661.57. In addition, the Canberra conference returned a profit of \$6,352.32 US and royalties from the sale of the book resulting from the Canberra conference returned another \$1,061.63. Expenses for postage and supplies, bank fees for credit card transactions totaled \$1,354.69. Charges for printing, mailing and reprints for 10(1) and 10(2) of JHR (not including reprints for 10(2)) totaled \$16,690.32. Together with the carryovers from 2000 in the Ottawa and Texas accounts, we ended the year 2001 with a balance of \$31,701.36.
- 6) On behalf of Eric Grissell, Jim Woolley read the Editor's report for volume 10 of Journal of Hymenoptera Research (attached). Issue 10(1) of JHR was mailed on 26 April and issue 10(2) was mailed on 7 November. The two issues of Volume 10 totaled 281 pages and included 21 articles and one scientific note. During 2001 a total of 23 manuscripts were received. Of these, 17 were accepted after review and rewrite, 1 was rejected, and 5 more 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. Grissell expressed his gratitude for the work of reviewers and the four subject editors: Sydney Cameron, Don Quicke, Wojciech Pulawski and Mark Shaw.
- 7) ISH Awards. LaSalle described the process that was used to determine the recipients of the ISH Distinguished Research Medal and ISH Distinguished Service Award. He appointed a committee consisting of Andy Austin, Sydney Cameron, Donald Quicke, Phil Ward, and himself to assess the two nominees for the ISH Distinguished Research Medal. The ISH Research Medal has been awarded to Dr. Charles Michener, University of Kansas and the Service Medal to Dr. Jim Woolley, Texas A&M University. Dr. Michener was unable to attend the ICH to receive the award, and Lynn Kimsey and Jim Woolley will arrange for a presentation ceremony at University of Kansas. LaSalle presented Woolley with a certificate for the Service Award.
- 8) LaSalle commended the organizers of the 5<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Hymenopterists for a superbly organized meeting and the participants for an excellent series of presentations. The Presidency was passed to Lynn Kimsey.

#### **Announcements**

- 1) A Scientific Forum and Annual Meeting of ISH will be held as an Informal Conference during the Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America, in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, November 17, 2002.
- 2) Proceedings of 4<sup>th</sup> 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) President Kimsey commended the organizers of the 5<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Hymenopterists for a superbly organized meeting and the participants for an excellent series of presentations. In particular, Kimsey wished to recognize the high quality of the student papers and posters, and recognized the courage many of the student participants displayed in presenting their papers in English.
- 2) Increasing the ISH Endowment Fund will be a high priority for President Kimsey.
- 3) Kimsey wishes to continue to identify and enroll new student members, including sponsored student members.
- 4) The ABM adjourned about 11:30 am.