



NEWSLETTER
International Society of
Hymenopterists
October 2003

President's Report

A number of important changes are coming up in the Society. We need to elect new Executive Board members for President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor. Denis Brothers will be taking over as President at the upcoming August meeting in Brisbane, Australia. The current officers Jim Woolley (Secretary), John Huber (Treasurer) and Eric Grissell (Editor) have made many significant contributions to the Society during their tenure and have invested more of their time in the Society than we had any right to expect. It is important for all of you to consider whom you know that is a ISH member that would be willing to invest time and energy in the Society. We are requesting that you send us nominations for these positions as soon as possible. The nomination committee will put together a slate of candidates and a ballot will be sent to the membership.

Don't forget to make your donation to the ISH endowment fund. These funds will go toward supporting the next generation of Hymenopterists, through student fellowships and other kinds of programs. This is an important role for the Society and we should all participate.

Society website is being moved to a server at Texas A&M to be run by Jim Woolley and Bob Wharton. Many thanks to Norm Johnson for hosting the homepage for so many years. For the short term the new address will be – <http://hymenoptera.tamu.edu>. We will be changing the look of the website, so if you have any pictures of Hymenoptera, historical photographs of Hymenopterists, or ideas on content that you would like to see in the site please send them to Jim Woolley. His current email address is jwoolley@nsf.gov.

Finally, make sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming International Congress of Entomology in Brisbane, Australia, August 15-17, 2004. The Society will have an exciting program at the meetings, and even though it will be “winter” the collecting should still be very interesting.

Lynn Kimsey
Davis, California
August, 2003

Secretary's Report

	2003 (to date)	2002	2001	2000	1999
All Members	351	375	355	368	320
Student Members	58	56	57	52	40
Sponsored Members	64	51	50	52	33
Not yet renewed	51	34	41	25	58
Institutional Members	41	41	41	45	40

Please note that 51 of you have not yet paid your dues for 2003. This costs the society money and time. Thanks to a superb response from many of you to our recent request for emails, we are down to only 32 members for which we do not have a functioning email. Thus, the Society continues to move towards being totally electronic, and it remains very important to you to contact us if your email address changes.

If you receive this Newsletter by regular mail (not electronically), it means that we do not have a working email for you. If you have one, please contact us.

Jim Woolley, Secretary

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(both addresses work)

Treasurer's Report

The balances in the ISH checking accounts are:

\$9,363.86 (College Station, TX) on 5 July, 2003

\$7076.24 (Ottawa, ON) on 21 August, 2003

Endowment Fund \$26,090.86 on 5 July.

ISH bank balance (checking accounts) on 31.xii.2002 compared to present.

31 December 2002	July-August 2003	Relative Change
\$8,016.54	\$7,026.24 (on 21 August)	-990.30 (Ottawa)
\$6,973.99	\$9,363.86 (on 5 July)	+2389.67 (Texas)

The Endowment fund has increased by \$1,090.86 since its establishment last year.

John Huber, Treasurer

Advance Notice!

6th International Conference of Hymenopterists South Africa, 2006

The 2006 Congress will be held in South Africa at a venue yet to be decided, but which will be chosen with the special interests of hymenopterists in mind. The likely date will be in late January to enable participants to enjoy the hot summer weather. Associated excursions will be available and arrangements for collecting will be facilitated if desired.

Please contact the Congress Organiser, Prof. Denis J. Brothers, at brothers@nu.ac.za or School of Botany & Zoology, University of Natal, Private Bag X01, Scottsville, 3209 SOUTH AFRICA for further information or to be placed on the mailing list. Suggestions and requests will be especially appreciated. Further announcements will be made in due course.

International Society of Hymenopterists
Scientific Forum and Annual Business Meeting
Held in conjunction with annual meetings of Entomological Society of America
Cincinnati, Ohio
Evening of Tuesday, October 28, 2003

- 1) 20 minute presentation, “**Oviposition behavior of xiphidriid wood wasps**”, Nathan Schiff, USDA Forest Service, SRS-4155, P.O. Box 227, Stoneville, MS
- 2) 20 minute presentation, “**Phylogenetic relationships of basal Hymenoptera based on molecules and morphology**”, Susanne Schulmeister American Museum of Natural History, Division of Invertebrate Zoology, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York, NY
- 3) 20 minute presentation, “**Phylogenetics among yellowjackets and the evolution of social parasitism**”, James M. Carpenter, Division of Invertebrate Zoology, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York, NY 10024
- 4) 20 minute presentation, "What's at the base". Robert Wharton, Matthew J. Yoder and Joe Gillespie, Department of Entomology, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-2475.
- 5) 10 minute break
- 6) 20 minute presentation, (cancelled)
- 7) 20 minute presentation, “**Parasitoids (Hymenoptera: Chalcidoidea) of soft scales, Saissetia spp., in Mexico**”, Svetlana N. Myartseva, Enrique Ruiz-Cancino and Juana Maria Coronado-Blanco, Universidad Autonoma de Tamaulipas, Facultad de Agronomia, Centro Universitario, Apartado Postal 337, Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas, 87149, Mexico
- 8) 20 minute presentation, “**Braconidae (Hymenoptera in the Insects Museum - UAT, Mexico**”, Juana Maria Coronado-Blanco and Enrique Ruiz-Cancino, Universidad Autonoma de Tamaulipas, Facultad de Agronomia, Centro Universitario, Apartado Postal 337, Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas, 87149, Mexico
- 9) 20 minute presentation, “**Biology of *Diadegma mollipla*, an African parasitoid of the Diamondback moth, *Plutella xylostella***”, Rudo Sithole, International Center of Insect Physiology, P.O. Box 30772, Duduville, Kasarani, Nairobi, Kenya,
- 10) 10 minute break
- 11) **Annual Business Meeting**, International Society of Hymenopterists, Presiding: Lynn Kimsey, President and James B. Woolley, Secretary, International Society of Hymenopterists

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 5th 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, 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:

- 4) 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.
- 5) The next International meeting of ISH will be held as an evening meeting at the International Congress of Entomology in Brisbane in August 2004.
- 6) 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.
- 7) 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.
- 8) 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.
- 9) 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 totalled \$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 totalled \$1,354.69. Charges for printing, mailing and reprints for 10(1) and 19(2) of JHR (not including reprints for 10(2)) totalled \$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.
- 10) 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 totalled 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.
- 11) 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.
- 12) LaSalle commended the organizers of the 5th 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.
- 13) Announcements
- 14) 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.
- 15) 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.
- 16) New Business
- 17) President Kimsey commended the organizers of the 5th 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.
- 18) Increasing the ISH Endowment Fund will be a high priority for President Kimsey.
- 19) Kimsey wishes to continue to identify and enroll new student members, including sponsored student members.
- 20) The ABM adjourned about 11:30 am.

**Submitted by James B. Woolley
Secretary, International Society of Hymenopterists**