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NEWS & VIEWS

The Center for Systematic Entomology plans to publish four Newsletters each year, but some information printed in *Insecta Mundi* which concerns changes primarily in our journal as a matter of record, or other items not pertaining to the *Center for Systematic Entomology*, appear in this column.

Dr. Ross H. Arnett, Jr. agreed in mid 1996 to resume the capacity as editor for volume 10 of *Insecta Mundi*. It was then possible to produce this 320 page issue of volume 10, 1996. Late this year a new editor will replace him (see below).

Search for new editor continued and was successful. A younger person active in publishing papers on entomological systematics has been found. The new editor is **Dr. Weston Opitz**, Department of Biology, Kansas Wesleyan University, 100 East Claflin, Salina, KS 67401-6196. Dr. Opitz is a specialist on clerid beetles. He will take over the editorship on December 15, 1996.

Old editorial board. We wish to thank the following for their considerable help as members of the editorial board, some as recent appointees, and other almost throughout the entire existence of the journal:

Dr. Howard Frank, University of Florida, advisor, and peer reviewer.

Dr. Avas Hamon, *ex officio*, Florida Department of Agriculture, comptroller of the publishing budget.

Dr. John M. Kingsolver, Florida State Collection of Arthropods, Associate editor, and peer reviewer.

Dr. Lionel A. Stange, Florida Department of Agriculture, advisor, and peer reviewer.

Dr. Gary Steck, Florida Department of Agriculture, advisor, and peer reviewer.

Dr. Thomas J. Walker, University of Florida, advisor, and peer reviewer.

Dr. Robert E. Woodruff, Florida Department of Agriculture, retired, co-founder of *Insecta Mundi*, advisor, and peer reviewer.

Dr. Michael C. Thomas, Florida Department of Agriculture, editor of several volumes of *Insecta Mundi*, advisor, and peer reviewer.

As current editor, and on behalf of the entire membership of the *Center for Systematic Entomology*, I thank these board members for the many hours spent helping to produce our journal.

New Editorial Board. As now planned, subject to appointment by the president of CSE, the following will remain on the editorial board for 1997: **Dr. Ross H. Arnett, Jr.**; **Dr. John M. Kingsolver**, and **Dr. Robert E. Woodruff**. The new editor, **Dr. Weston Opitz**, has been asked to submit the names of two more insect systematists, who, along with Dr. Opitz, will help with the editing process in its new location in Kansas.

Future Plans, other than to continue the journal with the ever present thrust toward publication of articles within 6 months of the date of acceptance, we will continue to increase the number of pages produced annually. This year's record of the 320 pages, is marred only by the delay until the end of the year. Even so, we are now "on time" if a few months late.

We are now planning four (quarterly) issues of 96 pages each. We have articles on hand for 3 issues. This will boost our production for 1997 to 384 pages.

The "Catch." If you expect all of this for \$35.00 per year, we have to get more than the 52 library memberships we now have. This is great, except more than 50% of these are foreign. Where are the 25 entomology departments in the United States that are not members? Help us get **"more members for more pages!"**

A new journal, **Fireflyer Companion**, has started publication, with 2 issues out, under the editorship of Dr. James E. Lloyd, Department of Entomology and Nematology, Bldg. 970, Hull Road, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611.

This journal is NOT unique in the history of entomology. That is what makes it so good. You will not be able to put an issue down because you will want to read every word, and then still not put it down because you will want your friends to read it too! Jim Lloyd has captured the 19th Century enthusiasm for natural history subjects, not only in the writing, but in the design and format of the journal.

Read about "Fireflies at risk," "Henry David Thoreau and the fireflies," "Notes from a firefly sadist," or do a crossword puzzle about fireflies; poetry: "Goodbye, Mr. Peeny-Walley," and new data about fireflies, and on and on.

This takes us back to when entomology was fun, and publications were interesting. People used to sit around a table and talk about interesting discoveries. Someone would take notes and publish these chats. This is the story of the formation of the New York Entomological Society, the Cambridge Entomology Club, the Washington Entomological Society, and on and on. From these beginnings developed our major societies and the history of entomology — all before "vanity" publishing, *via* page charges.

Good luck Jim, you are recreating our science.