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At the informal meeting of psammonologists following the very successful symposium on the biology of marine interstitial fauna at the AIBS Meetings in College Park, Md., last August, it was suggested that an informal means of communication be established among kindred interests of the interstitial fauna. This issue of 'Psammonalia' is the first item of dialogue!

The object of this bulletin, which will be issued on an irregular schedule, hopefully at least twice a year, is to maintain communication among American psammonologists and to note research items and papers, of psammic interest, personal and personnel news and meetings and conferences harboring papers on the interstitial fauna and its milieu. Comments, suggestions and brief notes for inclusion will be welcomed by the editors, Dr. Robert P. Higgins, Dept. of Biology, Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27106 and Dr. Donald J. Zinn, Dept. of Zoology, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, R. I. 02881. It is particularly important for each scientist to communicate such information to the editors. We can be of much service if research papers, etc. are noted in subsequent issues of one bulletin and, indeed, the continuance will depend upon the response of those who receive it.

It is hoped that we will be able to schedule a meeting much like the post-symposium session August, at the AAAS meetings in Washington. The tentative time for this gathering is the afternoon of Wednesday, 28 December. The AAAS program will include a note
s meeting and provide time and place information. At that

time we will be able to discuss plans for future gatherings and perhaps additional symposia and enjoy an opportunity to exchange ideas on current investigations of the mysteries of the fauna, flora and waters of the intertidal and subtidal sediment lacanae.

The mailing list has been included with this bulletin. Please respond by card upon receipt of this bulletin, giving us zip code or corrected address information, area of interest (if not already noted), etc. New names will be added by request.

The papers presented at the symposium are collecting slowly at the University of Rhode Island for eventual formal publication as a unit in an acceptable journal.

Recent Publications:

Renaud - Mornant, J. 1966. Problemes d'echantillonnage de la microfaune des sediments meubles marins. La Terre et La Vie, Annee 1966 (2): 176-201.

Jansson, B-O. 1966. Microdistribution of Factors and Faunas in Marine Sandy Beaches. Veroff. Inst. f. Meeresforsch Bremerhaven 11: 77-86.

Bush, L. 1966. Distribution of Sand Fauna in Beaches at Miami, Florida. Bull. Mar. Sci. 16(1): 58-75.