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EDITORIAL

Plagued with a postal strike, (which is still in operation as this is written) the final version of the Constitution of the Association has not yet been sent to the members. Together with this issue you will receive a copy of the Constitution and also an up-to-date membership directory. The latter will probably be already out-dated in parts, but corrections will be added as I receive them.

In this issue, the paper on tabular keys used by Irv. Newell is cited. All of us who were at the Tunis conference were most impressed with the potential of this method. I trust that this paper will be widely read and digested as I have no doubt it is of fundamental importance to us all.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year with every success in your research programmes.

John S. Gray.
Editor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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we will lose 40p on two years subscription rather than
as now 40p on one years subscription.

KEYS TO MEIOFAUNA

The following have agreed to provide keys to their respective groups and are additional to those recorded in issue No.11.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TAXA</u>
BODIN, P.	COPEPODA, HARPACTICOIDA Families & Genera
BUSH, L.	SCHIZORHYNCHIA all
CLAUSEN, C.	HYDROZOA
MONNIOT, P.	ASCIDIA

We still lack PROTOZOAN, GNATHOSTOMULID experts.

NEWS FROM THE MEMBERS

DUANE HOPE.

"First, a colleague, Dr. Donald G. Murphy, and I are continuing work on the systematics of Atlantic deep-sea marine nematodes. Three species from these collections have been described and a description of another is in preparation. The second project, also in collaboration with Dr. Murphy, is the compilation of a checklist of the genera and higher taxa of free-living marine nematodes. The first section of the check-list consists of a taxonomic hierarchy with the author, date, and page number of the original description of each taxon, as well as their respective synonyms and homonyms will also be given for each genus. The second section will be an alphabetical listing of doubtful taxa, and the third section will be an alphabetical index to all taxa listed in the first two sections. The fourth and final section consists of complete references to all literature relevant to the check-list.

DUANE HOPE.

The data for the check-list has been stored in a computer at Smithsonian Institution and a program has been devised to print the data in manuscript form. This will reduce the problems of editing and retyping once the data base is free of errors. Further, the data base will be kept current with changes in marine nematode systematics, and revisions of the checklist will be published as they become justified by sufficient change. It is also intended that future editions will include diagnosis of taxa down to the generic level, so that the checklist may be used as a key. Lists of valid nominal species will be included for each genus.

The third area of current research is a revision of the genus *Synonchus*, which will be followed by further studies of the family Leptosomatidae.

Report on the informal colloquium on marine nematology held at the Second International Congress of Parasitology on September 11.

The program was chaired by Dr. Murphy who first asked each in attendance to introduce themselves and describe their research interests. This was followed by an informal discussion, led by Drs. John Lee and John Tietjen, on the food relationships and culturing of free-living marine nematodes. Midway through the colloquium Dr. Burr presented a formal paper entitled "The pigmented eyespot of a marine nematode, *Oncholaimium vesicarium* : light and electron microscope observations." The colloquium then closed with a lengthy discussion on the need for improved quality in marine nematode systematics."

DOH ZINN.

"Mr. Bruce W. Fount of the University of Rhode Island is presently working under the auspices of the Systematics-Ecology Program at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Massachusetts on culturing method for mystecoccarids and on their possible vertical and horizontal migrations in Nebraska Beach (Woods Hole).

JEAN LOUP D'HONDT.

"I shall be working in the Universite' d'Oran, Algeria until 1972, on leave of absence from Paris. (Correspondence can still be sent to my Paris address), with a small research group we are hoping to look at the meiofauna of the Algerian coast."

CORRIGENDUM.

In Issue No.11 an unfortunate citation error occurred, for :

AX, P. 1970. 2. Morph Tiere

this should read as follows :

MENKER, D. & AX, P. 1970. Zur Morphologie von Arenodiplosoma migrans n.g. n.s.p., einer vagilen Ascidien-Kolonie aus dem Mesopsammal der Nordsee (Tunicata, Ascidiacea). Z. Morph. Tiere. 66 : 323-330.

Apologies to Dr. Menker from the editor.

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BIOLOGICAL RHYTHMS STUDY GROUP

Set up originally in 1969, the study group has extended to cover interested workers in Belgium, Switzerland and more recently Italy. The group is interested in all aspects of rhythms, covering cellular biology to population biology and neurophysiology to marine ecology.

Interested persons are invited to communicate with the group at :
The Secretary, Study Group on Biological Rhythms, Laboratoire de Biologie Vegetale, 4 rue Ledru, F-63 Clermont Ferrand, France.

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Dr. Newell has added more information on the construction and use of tabular keys since the above paper. The additional information is available in photocopy form on writing to Dr. Newell at Department of Life Sciences, University of California, Riverside, California 92502, U.S.A.

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