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## FROM THE EDITOR

### Thanks!

On behalf of the Association I wish to sincerely thank Bill and Meg Hummon for their two years of diligent editorship of PSAMMONALIA and Bill's leadership of the Association. The progressive policies of the two institutions with whom the Hummons were associated during their tenure, DAFS Marine Laboratory, Aberdeen, Scotland, and Ohio University, and the help of many of the Hummons' associates are also acknowledged. Thanks also to Lee Pollock who has been our Treasurer for the past two years and who has agreed to remain in this office for two more years.

The gratitude of the members is also extended to Pat Boaden, Carlo Heip and former PSAMMONALIA Editor and IAM Chairwoman Jeanne Renaud-Mornant who have completed their terms as members of the Executive Committee. Philippe Bodin and Wolfgang Sterrer are the newest members of the Committee; Bill Hummon will serve another two years as Past-Chairman and Editor.

The mainstay of this newsletter, the Recent Literature section, owes much of its success to the members of the Board of Correspondents, people who assist the Editor in compiling the references which make PSAMMONALIA so valuable. We are grateful for the generous help of those correspondents who have served for the past two years, for the willingness of those who will continue in this role, and for those who have agreed to serve in this capacity for the next two years.

### The Purpose of PSAMMONALIA

For the benefit of the many new members and as a reminder to the older members of the International Association of Meiobenthologists, I believe that it is important to review the purposes of this newsletter. First of all, PSAMMONALIA is the product of a cooperative effort in communication. Although the Board of Correspondents and Editor are specifically charged with the responsibility of assembling a list of appropriate new literature references each issue, it is important for every member to assist in this compilation from time to time. Members can help by sending the Editor copies of their recent reprints and noting recent citations of publications that are appropriate but not easily recognized as such by anyone other than themselves.

New members in particular are encouraged to write a resumé of their activities so that they may be better known to other members. Knowing "who is working on what" is important to many of us. If certain kinds of organisms are needed for a particular study, let the Editor know. If you are planning some travel, also let the Editor know; several members have expressed disappointment upon discovering, too late, that a colleague was visiting nearby.

Let the Editor know of meetings, conferences, symposia and other events that might be of interest to PSAMMONALIA readers. And finally, let us not forget that we have produced some fine bibliographies on various meiofaunal taxa. Anyone wishing to submit a bibliography should correspond with the Editor well in advance of its preparation.

## Dues

If you have not paid dues for 1979 and/or 1980, or if you are receiving a courtesy (free) copy of PSAMMONALIA, a special notice has been included with your copy. Unless appropriate action is taken by you, this will be your last copy.

It has been the policy of the IAM to send courtesy copies, without charge, to libraries and individuals whose government regulations prohibit sending money out of their country. A similar policy seems appropriate to members who have been professionally retired. If you are in either of these two categories, we ask you to fill out and return the enclosed form with your signature certifying your status and desire to continue receiving a courtesy copy of PSAMMONALIA. Members who are professionally retired and wish to receive courtesy copies of this newsletter in the future should contact the Treasurer, Lee Pollock.

Many members prefer to pay their dues for several years in advance. Our Treasurer has suggested that we establish a policy of accepting payment for no more than four years in advance.

## CONFERENCES TO NOTE

ICSEB-II (Second International Conference on Systematic and Evolutionary Biology), Vancouver, BC, Canada, 16-24 July 1980. Information from: Dr. G.G.E. Scudder, Department of Zoology, University of British Columbia, 12075 Wesbrook Mall, Vancouver, BC, B6T 1W5 Canada.

FIMCO (Fourth International Conference on Meiofauna), Columbia, SC, USA, (see announcement in this issue).

Third International Symposium on the Tardigrada, Johnson City, TN, USA, 3-6 August 1980. Information from Dr. Diane R. Nelson, Department of Biological Sciences, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN 37601, USA.

Biology of the Turbellaria, Third International Symposium, Diepenbeek, Belgium, 10-15 August 1980. Information from: Dr. Ernst Schockaert, Limburgs Universitair Centrum, 3610 Diepenbeek, Belgium.

International Symposium and Discussion: Systematics and the Species Concept in Nematodes, Cambridge, England, 2-4 September 1981. Information from: A.R. Stone, Nematology Department, Rothamsted Experiment Station, Harpenden, Herts., England.

## IRWIN M. NEWELL, 1916-1979

Irv Newell died this last year and he will be missed by many of us, especially those who came to know him at the First International Conference on Meiofauna in Tunis, 1969. Dr. Newell was born in Cour d'Alene, Idaho. He received his Ph.D. from Yale University in 1945. At the time of his death he was Professor of Zoology and Entomology at the University of California at Riverside. He was a leading authority on Acari and championed the development of tabular keys as a unified system of organizing taxonomic information.

## A NEW SOCIETY

The Crustacean Society, a formal society to serve as a focal point for studies in all aspects of crustacean biology, has been established. One of the Society's goals will be the prompt publication of members' shorter manuscripts on any aspect of crustacean biology. The Society's journal will begin publication in 1981. Membership in the Society is open to anyone interested in Crustacea. There are no prerequisites. Those interested in joining the Society should write to: The Crustacean Society, c/o R. B. Manning, Department of Invertebrate Zoology, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC 20560, USA.

### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT CARL ZELINKA

I have a personal request for the readers of this newsletter who might be able to provide me with information on Carl Zelinka. Zelinka monographed the Gastrotricha in 1889 and the Kinorhyncha in 1928. The only other information I have is that he was "Ehemals O. Ö. Professor der Zoologie an der K. K. Josefs-Universität zu Czernowitz, Derzeit Honorar-

Dozent an der Technischen Hochschule Wien." I would like to have a photograph and/or any other biographic information available on Carl Zelinka, or, if anyone has any suggestion as to where I might obtain such information, this also would be very much appreciated. --Bob Higgins.

### NOTE ON THE LIST OF MEMBERS

Following each member's name is a number in parentheses indicating the year of paid dues. The Treasurer has requested that each member inform him if these records are incorrect or if an address is incorrect.

As of this date we have dropped 92 members from our former total of 442. Another 135 members are currently in arrears and will be dropped from the rolls if they have not paid before the production of the next issue of PSAMMONALIA. Eighty-two have not paid since 1979 and another 53 have not paid since 1978. Twenty-seven members receive courtesy (free) copies because our records show that they are subject to currency restrictions (FC), are professionally retired (FR), or have Honorary Member status (FH).

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