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FROM THE EDITOR

This issue of PSAMMONALIA, Number 54 marks 15 years since I was privileged to produce PSAMMONALIA Number 1. So for the second time I relinquish (with even greater relief!) the editorship, this time to my good friend and able colleague Carlo Heip.

Several people deserve considerable credit for the production of these last eight issues of the newsletter. My research assistant, Mrs. Marie Wallace, has typed every issue, designed and maintained the computer membership list, and helped with the arduous task of searching the literature for appropriate citations. In this latter task, Mrs. Renee McGinnis has also been most helpful. My wife, Gwen, has spent many hours putting on postage, folding and/or stapling issues and her help is also gratefully acknowledged. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Davis of "Kwik-Kopy Printing" near my residence in Vienna, Virginia have been extremely efficient in the reproduction of these eight issues at a cost which has been most considerate of our limited budget.

Finally, I acknowledge the help of the members of the Executive Committee, especially Lee Pollock, who has been Treasurer for the past four years. The important contribution of the members of the Board of Correspondents is most gratefully acknowledged. Without an effective Board, the most singularly important purpose of this newsletter, the Recent Literature section, would fail.

During the tenure of my office, several items of change have been suggested (PSAMMONALIA, No. 52; May, 1981) that I again wish to call to the attention of the membership. I pass these proposals and others listed below to the new Chairperson and Editor for action.

Most of the rationale for the following recommendations stem from the time it takes for an issue to reach members and the time needed for their proper response.

Article 11, Nominations, should be changed, in part, to read: "Nominations for any officer shall be made in writing by any two members of the Association not later than April (July) 1st in an election year."

Article 12, Elections, should be changed, in part, to read: "Should elections of Officers be necessary, these will be held by mail ballot. The Chairperson, in his/her capacity as Editor, shall mail ballots to each member with the May (in an issue of the newsletter before October 1st) issue in an election year.the Chairperson shall count and record the votes received by November 1st and include the results in the November issue of the newsletter."

Article 15, Amendments, should have the following statement added: "Proposed constitutional amendments must be included in a newsletter 6 months in advance of balloting in order to receive and include in the balloting issue any comments received during this interim. The close of receipt for ballots shall be the first day of the sixth month following the balloting issue and the results shall be included in that month's newsletter."

Bylaw 1. Annual dues, should be changed, in part, to read: "Annual dues for Regular Members shall be determined by the council. The rate for Sustaining

Members shall be twice that of Regular Members and five times that of Regular Members of Patron Members.

This latter provision is necessary because of the length of time necessary to amend the annual dues rate at a time when the financial management of the newsletter is subject to significant problems because of the current inflation rate.

FROM (OR ABOUT) THE MEMBERS

Referring to William Hummon's comment concerning the confusion created by the use of unambiguous designations to express meiofaunal abundances, (Psammonalia 53, August 1981, p.2), could not x^2 cm be used to express x sq. cm. and x cm² be used to express x cm. sq.? Thus, 10^2 cm = 3.16 cm x 3.16 cm and 10 cm² = 10 cm x 10 cm. This may go against the established "Grain" but it's one solution.

--Bruce E. Hopper

VIMCO

Carlo Heip will be organizing the Fifth (V) International Meiofauna Conference which will be held in Ghent, Belgium probably 15-19 August 1983.

Further announcements concerning the organization committee and preliminary details of this meeting will be in a forthcoming issue of the newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENT

J. L. Barnard's Handbook, "The Families and Genera of the Marine Gammaridean Amphipoda," originally issued as U. S. National Museum Bulletin 271 in 1969 and out of print for some years, will be reprinted by the Smithsonian Institution under the auspices of the Waldo L. Schmitt Memorial Fund. Orders for this volume should include payment of \$15 in U.S. currency (checks or money orders only, please), and should be sent to:

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CRUSTACEAN GROWTH: A SYMPOSIUM AND PUBLICATION

A symposium, "Factors Affecting Crustacean Growth," has been approved by the American Society of Zoolologists for the ASZ meetings in Louisville, Kentucky (27-30 December 1982). It will be sponsored by the Ecology Division of ASZ and co-sponsored by the Crustacean Society and the Invertebrate Zoology Division of ASZ. Arrangements have also been made to publish the best of the symposium papers as well as related papers as a single volume on crustacean growth, insuring a broad coverage of the subject. Further input is welcome: contact Adrian M. Wenner, University of California, Santa Barbara, Marine Science Institute, Santa Barbara, California 93106, USA. If writing, give specifics, a phone number, and the best time to call. For those who prefer to call, the best time is between 0700 and 0900 Pacific time, Monday through Saturday. The telephone number is (805) 961-2838; messages can be left at (805) 961-3764.

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