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Williamsburg Mosquito Systematics Discussion Session

A second mosquito systematics discussion session was held February 24, 1969 from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the annual meetings of the American Mosquito Control Association. The meetings were held in the Conference Center, Williamsburg, Virginia. The following items were formally presented:

(a) A description of the Army-financed Southeast Asia Mosquito Project. Dr. Botha de Meillon, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. (Reproduced elsewhere in this issue).

(b) The role of mosquito taxonomy in medical entomology. Lt. Col. Bruce F. Eldridge, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Washington, D. C. (Reproduced elsewhere in this issue).

(c) Critical review of a recent numerical taxonomic treatment of mosquitoes: Numerical classification of the Canadian species of the genus Aedes, by C. C. Steward. Syst. Zool. 17(4): 426-437. Review by Dr. Lewis T. Nielsen, University of Utah, Salt Lake City. A considerable amount of discussion resulted from this excellent presentation. Reproduced Page 23.

Plans for holding a similar discussion session at the 1969 meetings of the Entomological Society of America are under consideration. Discussion subjects and names of suitable discussants are solicited.

Notre Dame Stock List of Mosquito Strains

For those not previously aware of the fact, it may be of value to point out that the Mosquito Genetics Project, Department of Biology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556 maintains a large number of strains of Aedes mosquitoes. These are available upon request for legitimate research needs. Dr. George B. Craig, Jr. is in charge of this project. Presently, 104 strains of 12 species of Aedes are available. A stock list of these strains may be had upon request. The mutants represented are listed in Chapter 3, "Genetics of Aedes aegypti," In: Genetics of Insect Vectors of Disease. WHO Monograph. Edited by J. W. Wright and R. Pal. Elsevier Publ. Co., Netherlands.