

Editor's Corner

When noting the continuing flood of literature dealing with mosquitoes, it is rather easy to think that we must know most of what is worth knowing about them. Yet, an in-depth examination of any component of culicidology discloses sizeable gaps in our knowledge. This is no less true of mosquito systematics.

From involvement with this journal over the past several years and with a project concerned with the preparation and publication of a revision of the world mosquito catalog, I have become aware of the inadequacy of the current research efforts directed into mosquito systematic research. The larger portion of the family still has not undergone revisionary studies and many geographic areas have not had adequate faunal studies. There are no easy solutions to this problem but all of us devoted to this field of study should constantly encourage the funding and accomplishment of additional research.

The organization of the Medical Entomology Project in the U. S. National Museum, with its heavy emphasis on mosquitoes, has been a very progressive step. The truth of this statement is reinforced by such events as the planning by that unit of an African Mosquito Conference to be held at the Smithsonian Institution in July. Taxonomic matters will receive considerable attention in this conference.

Perhaps you will remember that last year we published in *Mosquito Systematics* an account of the life of the Philippine culicidologist, Francisco E. Baisas (*Mosquito Systematics* 6:74-77. 1974.). It will be of interest to those mosquito systematists who like to read about personalities in our field, to know that Ruben G. Basio has recently published a more complete account of the life of Mr. Baisas, along with a picture of the man. The reference for this is: Basio, R. G. 1974. Francisco Edlagan Baisas (1896-1973): Career and Publications. *The Philippine Scientist* 11:71-83.

I am pleased to report that long-time mosquito systematist, Elizabeth (Pat) N. Marks is serving this year as President of the Australian Entomological Society. That this hasn't totally slowed up her work on mosquitoes is evidenced by the presence in this issue of an article by her.

Please know that I am looking for an appropriate cover picture for next year's volume of *Mosquito Systematics*. Any help with this matter will be greatly appreciated.