

Editor's Corner

With this issue, we enter upon the ninth year of publishing *Mosquito Systematics* (entitled *Mosquito Systematics Newsletter* for the first 3 years of its existence). In the eight volumes already published, there were 204 articles by a total of 97 authors, representing 20 separate nations. Altogether, 2045 pages have been published. Throughout this time every effort has been exerted to keep the journal priced at a level affordable by most. We are grateful to the American Mosquito Control Association and to our subscribers for financing this publication and to the School of Agriculture and Life Sciences, North Carolina State University at Raleigh, for permitting us to put it together. At this point, it would be greatly amiss of me not to express deepest appreciation to Mrs. Rita Reynolds, Assistant to the Editor, who from the beginning of this enterprise has done the major portion of the work involved. Her faithfulness in seeing to the issuance of each number has been exemplary.

Each year at this time it has been customary to change the cover illustration. During the past years, all stages of the mosquito life cycle have appeared on the cover. Additionally, care has been taken to select illustrations prepared by master scientific illustrators. Moving on from life history stages, this year's cover illustrates a portion of the remarkable male genitalia of the exotic mosquito species, *Heizmannia indica* (Theobald). It is also illustrative of the work of a current master craftswoman in the field of scientific illustrating, Thelma L. Ford (Smith), senior illustrator of the Medical Entomology Project (MEP) at the U. S. National Museum, Smithsonian Institution. MEP is funded by the U. S. Army Medical Research and Development Command. I am deeply appreciative of the permission for reproducing this drawing given to me by Thelma Ford and MEP.

Elsewhere in this issue an autobiographical vignette of Thelma Ford is reproduced. This was prepared at my request and I am most grateful to her for the effort it required and for the affront to her modesty which it inevitably represented.

Special Note. The December 1976 issue of *Mosquito Systematics*, containing one new mosquito name, was placed in the public mail on December 17, 1976.