

Editor's Corner

The first five articles appearing in this issue are revised versions of some of the presentations made in a symposium held last April in Washington, D.C. during the annual meeting of the American Mosquito Control Association. The symposium was entitled "A Multidisciplinary or Holistic Approach to Mosquito Systematics." It was well attended and generated many interesting and useful discussions.

Information has been received that Dr. Peter F. Mattingly retired on November 31, 1979. Dr. Mattingly, after returning from extensive service in Africa late in 1946, began work at the British Museum (Natural History) on the systematics of mosquitoes. Subsequently, he became curator of mosquitoes, filling the position that had previously been held by those stalwarts of mosquito systematics, F. V. Theobald and F. W. Edwards. Through the years, Dr. Mattingly has been extremely productive in writing on mosquitoes and in providing assistance to a multitude of individuals. His writings produced specifically for publication in *Mosquito Systematics* aided materially in the development of this journal. His departure from the field leaves a difficult-to-fill gap in the ranks of serious mosquito systematists and he will be sorely missed.

This, the last issue of the eleventh volume, marks the end of my editorship. Dr. Lewis T. Nielsen will become editor in January 1980. Before closing my column, I desire to pay homage to Dr. John N. Belkin for the suggestion which led to the birth of *Mosquito Systematics* and for his ready support through all the succeeding years, and to Mrs. Rita Reynolds for her heroic performance as Editor's Assistant. Without their help and that of many others, *Mosquito Systematics* could never have survived to this point in time.