

Editor's Corner

With this issue, *Mosquito Systematics* enters its twelfth year of publication, and it is with some trepidation that I step in as the new editor. I have a hard act to follow. This journal, under the previous editor, Dr. Ken Knight and his assistant, Mrs. Rita Reynolds, has developed into a highly regarded publication and has attracted papers of exceptional merit from scientists around the world. Furthermore, acceptable papers have been published quickly and with minimal expense to the authors. I would personally like to commend Dr. Knight and Mrs. Reynolds for their superb past management of *Mosquito Systematics*.

Our main concern for the future will be to continue to publish the journal as inexpensively as possible. It is a fact that *Mosquito Systematics* has been partly subsidized by the American Mosquito Control Association and expenses have usually exceeded receipts.

Please note that there has been an increase in reprint and plate charges. This is the first such increase since the inception of the journal. These increases are unavoidable due to greatly increased cost of paper and other printing services.

It also has become necessary to eliminate the practice of giving 25 free reprints to each author. However, if authors still wish to receive only 25 reprints, they will be provided at cost. Special consideration will be given to foreign authors who may have funding problems.

The AMCA Board of Directors has been very liberal in their support of *Mosquito Systematics*, but to retain that support the journal must be reasonably self supporting. Inflation will make this more difficult. Subscribers and contributors can help in a variety of ways; by soliciting more subscribers; by generously ordering reprints; by making tax exempt donations to the AMCA earmarked for the journal.

The cover illustration for Volume 12 will be the female genitalia of *Aedes harrisonicus* Reinert. This illustration appeared in Reinert, J. F. 1974. Medical entomology studies - I. A new interpretation of the subgenus *Ver-rallina* of the genus *Aedes* (Diptera: Culicidae). Contr. Amer. Entomol. Inst. 11(1):1-249, and is reprinted through the courtesy of Dr. Reinert and Dr. Ronald A. Ward, Medical Entomology Project, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. Drawings of all mosquito life stages as well as of the male genitalia and larval mouthparts, have appeared on previous covers. This illustration, depicting details of the female genitalia, is a new addition to the series. The cover artist is Mr. Young T. Sohn.

Mr. Sohn is currently a scientific illustrator on the staff of the Medical Entomology Project, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Sohn joined the South East Asia Mosquito Project (SEAMP) at the Smithsonian Institution in November 1972. He remained with SEAMP until the program was completed and then became an illustrator with the Medical Entomology Project in 1975.

His work involves the technical illustration of all stages of mosquitoes and various other stages of medically important insects utilizing a wide variety of art media including: ink wash, pen and ink, water color, carbon dust, scratch board, pencil, etc.