

## EDITOR'S CORNER

The delays in the preparation of Numbers 1 and 2 of Volume 13 of *Mosquito Systematics* have been caused by factors beyond the control of the editorial staff. Unlike many journals, *Mosquito Systematics* does not have a backlog of papers waiting to be published. This is due mainly to the specialized nature of the subject matter and the uneven flow of papers. Each paper, upon receipt, is sent to at least two qualified reviewers. Reviewers have generally been prompt, but the papers often need revision which requires returning it to the author. After the revised manuscript is received it must be typed to a camera ready copy, then sent again to the author for final proofing. Time required between original receipt of a paper and its final receipt from the author is about 6-8 weeks for papers submitted by U. S. authors and often as long as 12 weeks for foreign authors. Another 2-3 weeks is then needed to print the journal and prepare it for mailing.

Each issue must consist of at least 60 pages in order to publish the journal economically. Shorter issues could be published, but the publishing costs are only slightly less for a shorter issue. In addition, a short issue provides very little income in the form of page charges and reprints. Thus, short issues do not pay for themselves.

*Mosquito Systematics* is not in trouble and has the support of the AMCA Board of Directors. Unlike *Mosquito News*, contributors do not need membership in the AMCA to publish in *Mosquito Systematics*.

Thus, I am asking all subscribers to be patient and to make every effort to contribute papers to the journal, and to ask interested associates to do the same. Even with the delays experienced in 1981, publication is prompt compared to other journals. A suitable paper is usually published within 6-8 months after receipt.

We are anticipating the receipt of a major paper on the Mosquitoes of Guatemala by Richard F. Darsie, for publication in the near future. This will be an important contribution on the mosquitoes of Central America and will be the only up-to-date work with modern keys to species for a Central American country. It should be extremely useful for the entire area.

I want to assure subscribers that they will receive four issues for a subscription even if some of those issues overlap into another year. As has been announced previously, the subscription rate for *Mosquito Systematics* has been increased to \$15.00. AMCA subscribers to *Mosquito Systematics* will soon receive a billing to renew their subscriptions. Nonmembers will receive a billing early in 1982. Prompt payment of dues by subscribers will insure the continuance of *Mosquito Systematics* as a healthy self-supporting journal.

The Editorial Board and Editorial Staff of *Mosquito Systematics* are now making a major effort to increase the flow of suitable papers for our journal. We will make every effort to get caught up in 1982.