

EDITOR'S CORNER

In this issue we are honoring Dr. James B. Kitzmiller, the distinguished mosquito geneticist from Florida. Jim's pioneering work on the cytogenetics of *Culex* and *Anopheles* mosquitoes has been an invaluable contribution and has laid the groundwork which has greatly benefited many other mosquito scientists. His recent book on Anopheline Names, Their Derivations and Histories is a storehouse of useful information and makes for extraordinarily interesting reading. This book is a must for mosquito systematists and is still available from the Entomological Society of America. Jim is now working on a similar book for the genus *Aedes*.

Subscribers will note that this is a double issue. We have combined the papers scheduled for Vol. 18, No. 3 and 4 in order to expedite the appearance of the last two issues which are late in appearing. The erratic dates of publication for *Mosquito Systematics* is due to the fact that we do not have a large backlog of papers and we also receive a significant number of papers which require extensive revisions to meet the standards of the journal. Often these papers are from foreign contributors who have some difficulty with the language. It sometimes takes weeks of correspondence to get these papers acceptable for publication.

Volume 19, No. 1, which will follow shortly will be a very special issue. It will contain a translation of "New Species of Mosquitoes in the Fauna of the U.S.S.R." by Gutsevitch and Dubitsky. This is a major publication which will include descriptions of new species and new records for the U.S.S.R. which have been reported since the 1970 publication on the mosquito fauna of the U.S.S.R. by Gutsevitch et al. The paper also contains new keys to all 60 species of *Aedes* now known to occur there.

Subscribers should note that page charges have been increased from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per page and reprint charges have been increased about 15%. These increases were necessary due to higher publication costs. The increases will go into effect on January 31, 1987 and papers submitted prior to that time will be charged at the old rate.

An increase in subscription rates will also be necessary and will go into effect for 1988 with an increase from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per year. The cost of producing the journal has now increased to the point where the average cost, which includes publication and mailing charges, per copy per issue is over \$5.00. Thus the \$15.00 subscription rate is not covering the costs of 4 issues per year.

The alternative to raising subscription costs is to reduce the number of issues per year to three. To determine whether subscribers may prefer three issues per year at \$15.00 rather than raising rates to \$20.00 for four issues, we are enclosing a questionnaire in the issue which will give subscribers an opportunity to state their preference. I urge all subscribers to complete and return the form as soon as possible.