

## EDITORS CORNER

Volume 20 of Mosquito Systematics marks the 20th year of publication for our journal. A brief summary of the journal's history appears to be in order.

In the late 1960's Dr. John Belkin had suggested that an irregularly appearing newsletter could provide a valuable service to individuals with interests in mosquito systematics. The matter was further discussed at a session on the subject of "Mosquito Systematics" held at the Dallas meetings of the Entomological Society of America in 1968. At that meeting it was generally agreed that such a newsletter was desirable.

The Mosquito Systematics Newsletter was then brought to reality as a quarterly publication through the initiative of Dr. Ken Knight who prepared the first issue, a 5 page document, in February 1969. The first editorial committee consisted of J. N. Belkin, B. DeMeillon, P. Mattingly, A. Stone and K. L. Knight, Editor.

A second mosquito systematics discussion session was held at the annual meeting of the AMCA in Williamsburg, Virginia in February 1969. Among those present were J. N. Belkin, B. DeMeillon, B. F. Eldredge, K. L. Knight and L. T. Nielsen. All those in attendance enthusiastically supported the concept and aims of the newsletter.

The publication remained a newsletter until Vol. 4, 1972 when the journal assumed its present title. Under Dr. Knight's efficient editorship and his able assistant Mrs. Rita Reynolds, Mosquito Systematics rapidly developed into a journal of international stature. With Vol. 6, 1974 it became a publication of the American Mosquito Control Association. Dr. Knight remained Editor of the journal until his retirement, turning the reigns of Editor over to L. T. Nielsen with Vol. 12, 1980.

During the past 20 years the journal has published 457 articles of which 183 are by foreign authors. More than 60 new species have been described by United States and foreign authors. Although most papers have been concerned with the taxonomy and distribution of mosquitoes, many other facets of systematics have received attention. Of note were two papers of special historical interest by Dr. Knight: "History of Mosquito Systematics, Part I, Eighteenth Century" (Vol. 4(1), 1972) and "History of Mosquito Taxonomy in the United States of America" (Vol. 6(2), 1974). Another very useful paper by Dr. Alan Stone was "Authors of Names in Culicidae, 1958-1977" (Vol. 11(4), 1979).

A continuing feature of the journal has been the publication of biographies and/or bibliographies of important mosquito systematists. They include:

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| F. E. Baisas, Vol. 6(1), 1974     | J. B. Kitzmiller, Vol.18(3,4), 986 |
| J. N. Belkin, Vol. 12(2), 1980    | K. L. Knight, Vol. 16(2), 1984     |
| O. H. Casals, Vol. 3(4), 1971     | W. G. Liston, Vol. 5(4), 1973      |
| S. J. Carpenter, Vol. 16(1), 1984 | C. S. Ludlow, Vol. 6(3), 1974;     |
| D. W. Coquillett, Vol. 6(3), 1974 | Vol. 19(3), 1987                   |
| H. G. Dyar, Vol. 6(1), 1974       | E. N. Marks, Vol. 18(2), 1986      |
| G. M. Giles, Vol. 5(4), 1984      | P. F. Mattingly, Vol. 17(1), 1985  |
| J. D. Gillett, Vol. 16(4), 1984   | J. W. Meigen, Vol. 6(2), 1974      |
| W. R. Horsfall, Vol. 17(3), 1985  | J. A. Reid, Vol. 19(2), 1987       |
| S. P. James, Vol. 5(4), 1973      | R. C. Shannon, Vol. 6(4), 1974     |
| F. Knab, Vol. 6(1), 1974          | F. V. Theobald, Vol.5(3), 1973     |

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