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Editorial

With sorrow, I record in these pages of Volume 11 that Brian Hocking, founder and first editor of this journal is with us in spirit, only. His time as a living mortal ended on May 23, 1974. His last bed-ridden days were devoted to writing and to visits with the members of his family and his friends including colleagues and students. How intensely he suffered we will never know, for his courage and interest in life sustained him, and even as his last bit of strength ebbed, he completed an advanced draft of a biology textbook that he had wanted to write. Thus, his thoughts were of life, even as the specter of death loomed large. We have no record of self-pity, no words of bitterness or disappointment. If Brian Hocking felt these emotions, he did not share them with his associates. He left us, knowing that he had done his best in all things, and that we would try to follow his example. We can do no less. So it is that I take up his pen officially, as the second editor of *Quaestiones Entomologicae*. Though the editorial section will lack the wit, brilliance, and clever turn of phrase that characterized Brian's writing, the main body of the publication will be of the same high level as was achieved during the days of his editorship. To this end, I wish to state a few points of editorial policy, and to explain a few changes.

First, is the matter of policy. As previously, we will accept papers on all aspects of entomology. Overall, we prefer comprehensive treatments of subjects: results of original research; extensive, analytical book reviews; and broadly based comprehensive and critical reviews of the literature dealing with various aspects of entomology. We want extensive and intensive systematic treatments of any group of insects – but not unintegrated collections of descriptions of new taxa. We prefer that the integration be in terms of phylogenetic and zoogeographic considerations, but we will accept good Adansonian-type treatments. We will make exceptions. Being in western Canada, we have a special obligation to extend knowledge of the poorly known local fauna. Thus, for this part of the world, we will consider simple descriptive treatments, but preferably extensive ones.

As in the past, all submitted manuscripts will be examined by competent reviewers, prior

to acceptance for publication. In the last issue of each volume, names of reviewers will be listed as a public, formal acknowledgement by the editor.

We regret that page charges have to be levied. This is mainly because our list of subscribers continues to be short, so income is restricted. We also regret that prices have had to be increased, and that they will have to be increased still more, so long as inflation continues to erode the buying power of money.

Examination of the cover of this issue will reveal that the “*Quaestiones entomologicae*” has been replaced by “*Quaestiones Entomologicae*”. We are departing from the “World List” style of reference citation, and hence from its type of notation. It takes little extra space to provide bibliographic citations with the name of the journal spelled out fully, rather than in abbreviated form. This additional information can make easier the task of finding a given paper, should one wish to locate a listed citation.

We are also abandoning the use of Roman numerals as a designation for each volume, and using instead arabic numbers. This is hardly in keeping with our Latin title, but we expect to be publishing for a long time, and in the year 2041 it will be easier to think of and write “Volume 77” than “Volume LXXVII”. So much for editorial housekeeping.

This journal is fortunate to count among its contributors Dr. J. G. Rempel, author of the first major paper in this volume, and one of the distinguished biologists of Canada. Now retired from his long career of teaching and research, in the Department of Biology, University of Saskatchewan, Dr. Rempel and his wife Greta continue to enjoy life among friends of many years, in Victoria, British Columbia. Dr. Rempel’s daily round of activity includes study of insect embryos, and from this research and his extensive knowledge of the literature comes his masterful synthesis “The Insect Head: the endless dispute”. I am sure the spirit of Brian Hocking is pleased that his “*Quaest. ent.*” contains this paper, for it is the quintessence of the sort of publication that he valued, and at a more personal level, he valued Dr. Rempel as a scientist and friend.

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