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Editorial preface

The edition of a newsletter depends upon many persons; from the authors who write the articles, to the assistants who make the copies. Especially I want to thank Prof. Carl W. Schaefer (Storrs) who is absolutely essential for AMEMBOA; not only does he make the linguistic proofs, he also enables the distribution together with The Heteropterists' Newsletter.

After the first issue of AMEMBOA, I received several responses, fortunately mostly positive. Nils M. Andersen (Copenhagen) informed me, that the name "Amemboa" is the Japanese word for "bug"; unintentionally, the title of this newsletter has a broader meaning. A few corrections were made by John T. Polhemus, of which an overlooked record of the marine family Hermatobatidae for Thailand (Gerromorpha) is most important. Prof. Jerzy Lis (Opole) is willing to work on the Cydnidae of Thailand (see below).

Generally the establishment of the monographs "Heteroptera of Thailand" (HoT) makes good progress, and Pingping Chen can present the scope and contributors for the first two volumes, which mainly deal with the "aquatics". The work of finding contributors for the "terrestrials" is steadily continued by Pingping Chen.

The most stupid mistake in AMEMBOA 1 is some wrong references to figures in the Gerromorpha key by Chen & Zettel: Because of a "last minute" change of two figures for layout reasons, the text references to figures 9 and 10 have to be changed!

Another, more organizational, mistake in the first issue was, that we did not explain carefully enough the separation between 1) the newsletter "AMEMBOA", 2) the monographs "Heteroptera of Thailand" (HoT), edited by Ping-ping Chen, and 3) faunistical projects involved in both: The "list of collaborators" (Amemboa 1: 3) contains the authors of the monographs "Heteroptera of Thailand" only, but not the many other people involved in the projects, nor the many local scientists who enable it.

It turned out that the illustrated keys to families published in issue 1 are also useful for scientists from other Oriental countries (e.g. from Nepal and Malaysia). For this reason I plan to focus the content of the newsletter more in this direction.

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