

Editorial

With the present double issue, I start my first contribution as new Editor of *Nota lepidopterologica*. When it became known to me that my predecessor was about to resign, I proposed myself as a possible candidate for taking over his job and I became elected as Editor at the Xth European Congress of Lepidopterology (Miraflores de la Sierra, Madrid, Spain, 3.-7.V.1996).

In my own name as well as in name of all SEL-members, I wish to express my deep gratitude to Mr. Steven E. Whitebread for the excellent work he has offered us during about six years of editing. We can confirm that Steven certainly achieved his aim of improving the quality (content and style) of our journal. It is one of the most challenging aspects of my new job to maintain the same high standards he has attained.

My greatest preoccupation so far has been to gather enough manuscripts to be able to fill a complete volume and so to keep up with publication schedule by publishing the whole Vol. 19 still in 1996. In doing so, I have selected a series of manuscripts received from my predecessor as well as a few new ones, including one single article co-written by myself that, I hope, the readers will have the indulgence to appreciate. This took me a lot of time and energy as I had to do all the work on my very own (except for the bulk of the work on both Hausmann's articles) and I hope the resulting present Volume will not be perceived as inferior to the preceding one.

From Vol. 20 on, I will continue the editing in co-operation with a team of Assistant Editors. Of the people whom I contacted for this job so far, the following persons have accepted the offer : Dr. Roger Dennis, PD Dr. Andreas Erhardt, Dr. Enrique García-Barros, Dr. Christoph Häuser, Dr. Alexander Pelzer and Dr. Erik J. van Nieuwerkerken.

In the future, I would like at least to try to achieve a regular publication schedule.

We badly need more manuscripts. All authors who wish to publish in *Nota* are therefore kindly requested to send their manuscript right away to the Editor. I would like to ask expressly for contributions by microlepidopterists, as these are sadly lacking for the moment.

Finally, I would like to emphasize that the future of both our Journal and our Society depend on the money we get through our membership fees. Those who have not paid their 1996 contribution yet are urged to do it now, without any further delay.

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