

Butterfly Research Association.

The Royal Entomological Society of London has been the venue for two meetings on butterfly evolution and biology (April and December 1977). Out of this has grown the "Butterfly Research Association". BRA has no constitution, no officers – no members even! It is one of those loose organizations which exist only from meeting to meeting. Its sole possessions are the mailing list of those who attended the last meeting, and some agreed person willing and able to organize the next one. This 'next meeting' will take place on 26. September 1978, in the rooms of the Royal Entomological Society of London (41 Queen's Gate, London SW 7). About seven papers on the physiology and biogeography of butterflies are to be discussed; further information will appear in *Antenna* (bulletin of the Royal Entomological Society).

The sole aim of BRA is to promote discussion meetings about new work on butterfly biology – with a strong evolutionary bias. However, it also has the ambition to set up a first ever International Symposium on the Evolution and Biology of Butterflies. Some proposals about this will be discussed at the September meeting – which is open to anyone who cares to attend (and pay the modest meeting fee!).

[Editor's question: Has the title of this loose Association been chosen chiefly for its favourable "abbreviative properties"?)

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The above conference will take place at the British Museum (Natural History) in London, 4.–6. April 1979. The conference will be sponsored and organized by the Society for the Bibliography of Natural History. (This is an international society based at the BMNH in London.) Further details available on request from:

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