

On the dates of publication of some recent volumes of *Eos* and *Graellsia*.

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Spanish entomological periodicals *Eos* (published since 1925, “World List” abbreviation *Eos* *Madr.*) and *Graellsia* (published since 1943, “World List” abbreviation *Graellsia*) – both edited by members of the Instituto Español de Entomología, Madrid – have been for many years very well known to the European lepidopterists; their volumes contained numerous papers on the Lepidoptera, which are of considerable importance to every student of Spanish moths and butterflies.

Unfortunately these journals have been suffering from chronical delays in publication over the last years and their erratic appearance caused much confusion and consequent difficulties to taxonomists; not only that these volumes appeared late and erratically, but the stated dates of publication of both periodicals over the last five years never agreed with the true date of publication, as defined by the *International Code of Zoological Nomenclature*. To establish beyond doubts the true dates of publication of these journals is very important since some of the papers published therein contain descriptions of new taxa, the validity of which is governed by the principle of priority.

The last five volumes of *Eos* and *Graellsia* contain in total 29 papers on Lepidoptera, written by 13 authors. In order to help unravel some of the confusion regarding the dates of publication, the following table has been compiled. The ‘true date of publication’ is always stated approximately. However, the word ‘approximately’ should be taken rather as meaning ‘as exactly as possible to determine’ than as an excuse for inaccuracies.

Eos *Madr.*

Vol. **47**; year 1971; stated publication date 31.XII.1972; true publication date: VI.1973.

Vol. **48**; year 1972; stated publication date 30.III.1973; true publication date: VI.1974.

Vol. **49**; year 1973; stated publication date 9.I.1975; true publication date: VII.1975.

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The true dates of publication given above are based on the definition of the publication laid down by the *International Code of Zoological Nomenclature*. Since in all cases only the month of publication can be determined with certainty, by implication of the rules of the *International Code of Zoological Nomenclature* the date of appearance falls on the last day of the month given.

Zusammenfassung.

Die spanischen entomologischen Zeitschriften *Eos* und *Graellsia* erschienen während der letzten fünf Jahre unregelmäßig, und die aufgedruckten Erscheinungsdaten stimmen nicht mit den tatsächlichen überein. Da diese Widersprüche viel Verwirrung verursachten, wird eine erläuternde Tabelle gegeben, die über die aufgedruckten und die tatsächlichen Erscheinungsdaten Auskunft gibt.

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