

Reports of Committees

Literature Committee. Report for 1979

The Bibliography of Palaearctic Lepidoptera 1978 was published in the Society's Journal *Nota lepid.* 2 : 75-115 in late 1979.

A number of new recorders have volunteered their services to help with the Bibliography ; the coverage should now be that much greater. I am particularly pleased to have a volunteer from France.

The Bibliography for 1979 is almost complete. Publishing the Bibliography in the Journal is an extremely expensive method of offering this service to members. It also takes valuable space from the Journal needed for the publication of members papers. It has been decided to pursue the possibility of finding a less expensive method. This will be necessary for the 1979 list and may therefore delay its production, but hopefully for not too long.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who have given so generously of their time to help produce the Bibliography. Suggestions and criticisms *are welcome* from members of the Society.

Pamela Gilbert, Chairman

Committee for Taxonomy and Nomenclature

Report for the period 1978-80

Since the last general meeting in Paris 1978, the committee has comprised Dr. G. Bernardi, Dr. I. W. B. Nye, Mr. R. I. Vane-Wright, Dr. R. de Jong and myself. Dr. Bernardi and Mr. Vane-Wright have been covering the Papilionoidea, Dr. de Jong the Hesperioidea, Dr. Nye the Macro-Heterocera and I the Micro-Heterocera. Moreover, both Dr. Bernardi and Dr. Nye are members of the ICZN. During the last two years, we have published a short note on our activities in *Nota lepid.* 2 (3): 117-118. During this period, we have had about ten inquiries into practical problems, for instance we have been involved in the current dispute between Dr. M. R. Gomez-Bustillo and Dr. R. Agenjo about the correct dates of publication under the present Code for the recent issues of the two Spanish periodicals *EOS* and *Graellsia*. The committee has decided to prepare a case on this which will be submitted to the ICZN. This work is being undertaken by Dr. Nye.

As we can hardly say that we have been overwhelmed by work, we invite SEL-members to let us know about their suggestions for the future.

Ebbe Schmidt Nielsen, Chairman

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