EDITORIAL

A statutory meeting of the global IOBC Council is due to take place at Delémont (Switzerland) from September 22 to 25, 1986. The Council will have to examine a series of proposals, part of which have been suggested by various individuals members to whom we are most grateful. Some of the suggestions aim at improving the level of the relationship between different IOBC Regional Sections, with a view of increasing the exchange of information, and in particular the expertise, as well as highly specialized literature, between different parts of the world.

It is our feeling that the interest for IOBC and its activities is much greater now throughout the world than it used to be. This new trend is probably best documented by the drastically increasing numbers of manuscripts that are being submitted for publication in ENTOMOPHAGA. In spite of the introduction of page charges as from January 1986, the Editorial Board of our scientific journal is now dealing with 28-30% more manuscripts every 6 months!

Slightly over half the total number of articles is still originating from Europe and America, but a considerable proportion is now being sent in from colleagues working in Asian countries (23%), in Africa (10%) or in Australia (8.2%).

From the financial point of view also, the situation of IOBC is somewhat better. Nevertheless, too many members have simply neglected to pay their fees. We would like our readers to take the reminder of our Treasurer into consideration and to check their records accordingly.

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NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

In recent issues of the global IOBC NEWSLETTERS, the importance of IOBC has been emphasised as the sole Organisation to unit biological control workers worldwide; IOBC also represents these scientists internationally, defends their interests, publishes their findings in its journal ENTOMOPHAGA, and finally supports and organises International Working Groups on specific programmes. The benefits offered to individual members have also been stressed (see NEWSLETTER 36, still available from the Secretary-General). These advantages include a reduced rate of subscription for ENTOMOPHAGA, 10 pages printed free of charge per year in the journal, 4 issues of the global NEWSLETTERS, etc.

While the role of biological control becomes more and more important in terms of integrated pest management, the financial prospects for our Organisation remain rather slim, from the Treasurer's point of view at least. With the present exchange rate of the US $, the surplus on membership fees (amount that IOBC is able to use for its own operations) is in the order of US $ 0-5 only per individual member (cf. table below). If the current trend continues a little further, this surplus may even be reduced to zero. Of course, we don't want this to happen, so don't be surprised if there is a slight increase in membership dues as from 1987: the Treasurer will seek the Council's approval on this point.

YOUR DUES AND HOW THEY ARE BEING SPENT

There has been criticism as regards the different rates of subscription to ENTOMOPHAGA,
Third World scientists allegedly paying more for this journal than European colleagues for instance. This is incorrect as the differences are entirely due to higher overseas postage rates. In fact, the reverse is true as European individual members do contribute to sustaining shipment of documents overseas. Just take a look at Table 1 and you will see that there is no discrimination whatsoever from that point of view. Despite these rather precarious conditions, we have hitherto been able to provide some financial support to our Working Group and we will continue to do so with the full backing of our Organizing Committee and supporting members, and from the contributions of our institutional and supporting members, and albeit from the rapidly diminishing assets of this Organization. So we try to have more institutional and supporting members: drop a note to the Secretary-General; your help in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

Those who did not yet pay their 1985 and/or 1986 dues should make the necessary arrangements as soon as possible. We need your share to keep IOBC visible.

We have several « dead » members on our files, i.e., people who apparently think ... to pay or not to pay does not matter ! From the end of this financial year, we will strictly apply Article V of the global IOBC statutes, which states quite clearly:

1. Members may resign by giving notice to the Council or the Regional Section before June 30. The withdrawal shall become effective on December 31 of the same year up to which the contribution must be paid.

2. The Council or the Regional Section, whichever is appropriate, may deprive of membership any Member whose contribution is in arrears, and may expel any Member whose contribution is two or more years in arrears.

We would like to remind you that if you continue to participate as active members of the global IOBC and in its Regional Sections and Working Groups, then we will not issue invoices or receipts; these may, however, be obtained upon request.

NEWS FROM WORKING GROUPS

WG OSTRICIA NUBILALIS

Chairman: P. Anglade, Station de Zool., Agric., La Grande Ferriée, 33140 Ponto-de-la-Maye (France)

Newsletter 7 (4) (22 pages) was released in May 1986 and mainly contains indications for these members of the WG who plan to attend the 14th International Meeting to be held at Beijing in September 1986. Please ask the editor K. Berger, Federal Inst. for Plant Prot., Trans. 5, 1020 Vienna (Austria) for additional information.

WG BRUCHIDAE

Chairman: V. Labevice, IBEAS, Rue de l'Université, 64000 Pau (France)

A special one-day meeting of scientists interested in the activities of this WG was held on July 7, 1986, at Pau. Entomologists/ecologists working on one or the other aspect of the problems posed by bruchids attacking pulses in any country are welcome to contact the chairman of this WG at the above address.

WG HELIOTRIS

Chairman: E.G. King, USDA ARS, Insect Management Lab., P.O. Box 223, Stoneville, Mississippi 38776 (USA)

Newsletter 4 of the Heliotris WG was issued in May 1986 (45 pages) by the chairman who would be pleased to send it to colleagues interested in the topic. This Newsletter includes a list of the scientists researching biological control of Heliotris spp., and the recommendations that were adopted at the New Delhi workshop last year. The reductors are confident that the Proceedings of this workshop will appear by the end of 1986.

WG QUALITY CONTROL OF MASS-BRED ARTHROPODS

Chairman: C.O. Gallins, USDA ARS, Insect Attractants Lab., P.O. Box 1585, Gainesville, Florida 32601 (USA)

More than 40 participants are expected to attend the 3rd Biennial Workshop of this WG, which is scheduled from August 4 to 8 at Guatemala City. A tour has been arranged for insect factories at Fittka Guttermann and Tampalma. Ask the chairman for any further information.

WG TRICHOGRAMMA

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At this stage, more than 100 contributions have been received from research workers who are registered for the 3rd International Symposium on Trichogramma organized at Guangzhou (China) from November 19-21, 1986. Papers presented should be published by the French INRA, pending acceptance by the editorial committee. A note is available from J. Vogelü indicating how to prepare the articles.

WG FRUIT FLIES OF ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE

Chairman: B.S. Fletcher, CSIRO Div. of Entomology, 53 Hastings Road, Warranae, N.S.W., 2074 (Australia)
PERIODICALS — REVUES

Tropical Pest Management, 32 (1), 92 pp., was issued in January-March 1986. It contains a number of articles dealing with the biological control of tropical pests and insects, French and Spanish summaries.

FAO Bulletin phytopharmaceutique 34 (1), 66 pp., concentrates on the virus disease observed in the Mediterranean region.

Ichneumon 9, 54 pp., the information carrier of people working on Ichneumonides may be obtained free from M.J. Shackle, Strasbourg, systematic Res. Center, Agric. Canada, Ottawa K1A 0G6 (Canada).

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS — CONFERENCES

August 31 - September 5, 1986. International Conference on Tropical Entomology, Nairobi (Kenya). Write to the Organizing Committee, P.O. Box 30772, Nairobi (Kenya).


Scientists interested in the 7th Symposium on the Biological Control of weeds should note that it will be organized in Rome (Italy) instead of South Africa in 1988.

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