EDITORIAL

As announced in the August 1985 IOBC NEWSLETTER 38, a statutory meeting of the Council of the global IOBC was held last September at the European Delegation-Station of CIRB (Switzerland). A number of important issues were discussed and several decisions were taken which are summarized below. Also, some of the changes implied for our members will be indicated in more detail under the various headings of the present NEWSLETTER.

Membership

For the first time since the global IOBC was established, i.e. some 15 years ago, we are obliged to increase the annual fees paid by individual members, a step which is mainly due to the drastic drop in the exchange rate of the US currency. As from 1987, the minimum fee for individual members will therefore be US $15 (or FF 100 in France). At the same time, individual members who wish to subscribe to ENTOMOPHAGA will have to pay US $30 (i.e. 15 + 15) in any European country (France: FF 300), and US $35 elsewhere (i.e. 15 + 20). It should be remarked that the current cost for obtaining one copy of our scientific journal will be in the order of US $80 for non IOBC members in 1987.

The institutional membership fee remains unchanged. Please note that as of 1987, regular institutional members of the global IOBC will receive every Newsletter (whether from the global body or any of our Regional Sections), plus one copy of all scientific Bulletins issued by the various Regional Sections, on top of the current volume of ENTOMOPHAGA. This is a distinct advantage which should be seriously taken into consideration by Institutes, Experimental Stations, Plant Protection Departments, etc.

A pamphlet explaining the aims, the structure, and the membership categories of IOBC has recently been published; it is available from the Secretary-General (address below), along with NEWSLETTER 36 and subscription forms for 1987 (as well as for 1986).

Working Groups

Most scientific activities of the global IOBC are carried out through Working Groups, some of which have been extremely useful over the last few years and have developed a high level of expertise that is now widely recognized. Organizing meetings, publishing and distributing scientific documents etc. up to 200 people per WG is, however, relatively expensive. The Council has hence decided that in future participants in any of the global WGs should in principle be regular individual members of the organization, at the minimal level; at least. Also, the convenors of the various global WGs will have the option to collect small contributions once a year from all participants in their WG in order to cover the current expenses for producing and mailing scientific reports, lists of addresses, and relevant literature.

The new WG Fruit Flies of Economic Importance is now formally recognized and has already started its operations under the leadership of B. Fletcher assisted by E. Boller (see infra). On the other hand, we are looking for scientists involved in studies on布什 to restructure this WG (see p. 2).

Finally, a circular letter has been erroneously sent to some of the IOBC members by the publisher of ENTOMOPHAGA (Lavoisier-Abonnements, Paris). To those who got it, we recommend to simply disregard this letter.

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NEWS FROM WORKING GROUPS

WG OSTRISTA JUBILANS
Chairman : P. Anglebe, Station Zoologie Agric., La Grande Ferriere, 33140 Poste-de-la-Maye (France)
The 11th International Meeting of the WG was organized at Beijing (China) and information on this workshop will be forwarded later to colleagues listed.

WG BRUCHIDAE
To make a preliminary assessment of the potential importance of the problems created by bruchids, ecologists involved from all parts of the world are requested to contact the following colleagues:
Re bruchids occurring in tropical areas: C.D. Johnson, Biol. Sci. 355, Northern Arizona Univ., P.O. Box 5010, Flagstaff AR 86011 (USA)
Re parasitoids of bruchids: A. van Heus, Dept. Entomol., Agric. Univ., P.O. Box 8051, 6700 EH Wageningen (NL)
Re physiology and reproduction of bruchids: B. Leveil, Univ. F. Rabelais, Avenue Monge, Parc Grandmont, 37200 Tours (France)
Re plant-pest relationships: V. Labeyrie, IBIAS, Rue de l'Universite, 69400 Lyon (France)

WG HELIOTHIN
Chairman : E.G. King, USDA ARS, Insect Management Labor., P.O. Box 225, Stoneville Mississippi 38776 (USA)
Newsletter 5 (10 pp.) produced by the WG on the Biological Control of Heliothis was released in November 1985. It may be obtained from the editor K. Carl (address p.1).
It should be emphasized that steps towards the initiation of a group devoted to the study of the moths occurring in southern Europe and the Mediterranean Basin are being made. Everyone interested please contact S. Potter, Station Zoologie CRA, Domaine St-Paul, R.P. 91, 69140 Montfavet (France). This subgroup will operate in close cooperation with the global WG and its anticipated field of activities has been described in a short note (7 pp.) which may also be obtained from S. Potter.

WG QUALITY CONTROL IN MASS-REARED ARTHROPOIDS
Chairman : C.O. Calkins, USDA ARS, Insect Attunance Labor., P.O. Box 14560, Gainesville Florida 32604 (USA)
Assistant chairman : F. Rigler, Kiegi Forsch. Amt. TAF, Rechenbeilstr. 191, 8096 Zurich (Switzerland)
The 3rd International Workshop organized by this WG was very successful with over 40 scientists in attendance at Guanetica City. Agreement could be reached on a list of recommendations. These are included in a final report (9 pp) describing the objectives and the decisions taken during this meeting. The report was issued by C. O. Calkins and is still available at his address. A bibliography of quality control is being prepared and the convenors of this WG would welcome additional contributions, new and old references etc.

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J. Vorégé, Station Zool. INRA, 37 boul. du Cap, B.P. 78, 65002 Aubusse (France)
The 2nd International Symposium held by this WG at Guangzhou (China) in November 1985 has attracted twice the number of scientists as for the 1st meeting. A publication is in preparation.

WG FRUIT FLIES OF ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE
Chairman : B.S. Fletcher, CSIRO Div. of Entomol., 35 Hastings Road, Warrane NSW 2074 (Australia)
Coordinator : E. Boller, Federal Res. Station, 8820 Widmerswil (Switzerland)
The 3rd announcement for the International Symposium due to be organized in April 1987 at Rome (Italy) has been sent to prospective participants. For additional information, ask the scientific secretariat : G. Dello, Inst. of Entomology, Fac. of Agric., Univ., Via di Niccoli, 65100 Sossari (Italy).
Mailing addresses of interested scientists and items for inclusion in the documents issued by the global WG should be sent to E. Boller as early as possible.

A proposal for the preparation of a new global WG was recently received from S.B. Vinson. The suggested title is "Physiology and behaviour of plant-pest-parasitoid relationships". No doubt that many specialists are likely to be enthusiastic about the project. Please comment and express your support or otherwise in writing to S.B. Vinson, Dept. of Entomology, Texas A&M Univ., College Station Texas 77843 (USA) or to the Secretary-General (address p.1).
WEST PALAEARTIC REGIONAL SECTION (WPASROK)

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Profile 5 (18 pp.)... the information carrier of this Regional Section was released in October 1985. Copies may be obtained from the editor E. Boller (address p. 2).


The convenor of this WPASRG has also included a summary report on the methods used over the last few years for distribution. Both the bulletin and the report are available from S.A. Huisman (address p. 2).


The statutes as modified during the 1985 General Assembly of this Regional Section have been formally approved by the Council of the global Organization. They have been published in a French and English version and are also available from C.A. Pichler.

EAST PALAEARTIC REGIONAL SECTION (EPRS)

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Secretary-General: V.I. Martineiko (same address)

The Committee of this Regional Section has been in close contact with the ideas of exchanging scientific Bulletins with other Regional Sections of IOBC and also wishes to have common symposia organized on selected pest problems.

SOUTH AND EAST ASIAN REGIONAL SECTION (SEARS)

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Secretary-General: W. Sueno (same address)

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The so-called WPASROK has now formally been replaced by NERS, which is to represent IOBC in USA, Canada and Bermuda. Colleagues interested in attending the Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking parts of the American continent will have to join LARS (see below).

LARS will forward its own scientific Bulletins and Newsletters as an exchange to institutional members of other Regional Sections.

Biological Control Information Document, Information on US and Canadian Biological Control Programs Using Natural Enemies and Other Beneficial Organisms, USDA ARS, 1985, 95 pp. This has been issued as the first scientific Bulletin of NERS.

LAWD AMERICAN REGIONAL SECTION (LAWD)

There is a need for responsible scientists willing to use and promote biological and integrated control methods and to devote a limited portion of their time to maintaining a visible Regional Section of IOBC in this part of the world. We are fortunate in having a number of regular individual members in several countries of Latin America. There should seriously consider the advantages offered from 1987 on to institutional members. Also, those colleagues who are in the position to cooperate with the Regional Office to see that steps are taken to over duties in a future Executive Committee of LARS, please contact the Secretary-General (address p. 1).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTOMOPHAGA 31, 1986 (by courtesy of the chief editor of J. Econ. Entom. and Acad. Nat. Nl. Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

Volume 31 (2) is available to regular subscribers in November 1986 and contains 12 articles dealing with parasitoids and predators of aphids and mites, etc., etc.

Volume 31 (4) will be released soon with 13 contributions concentrating on the efficiency of fungal diseases of insect pests, the control of aphids, etc.

NEW BOOKS - LIVRES NOUVEAUX


PERIODICALS — REVUES


Montpellier, December 1, 1986

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS — CONFERENCES À VENIR


September 8-10, 1987. European Workshop on Parasitic Insects, Lyon (France). For more information ask M. Roditi, CNRS, Univ. Lyon I, Bât. 103, 43 bis, du 11 Novembre 1918, 69022 Villeurbanne (France).

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