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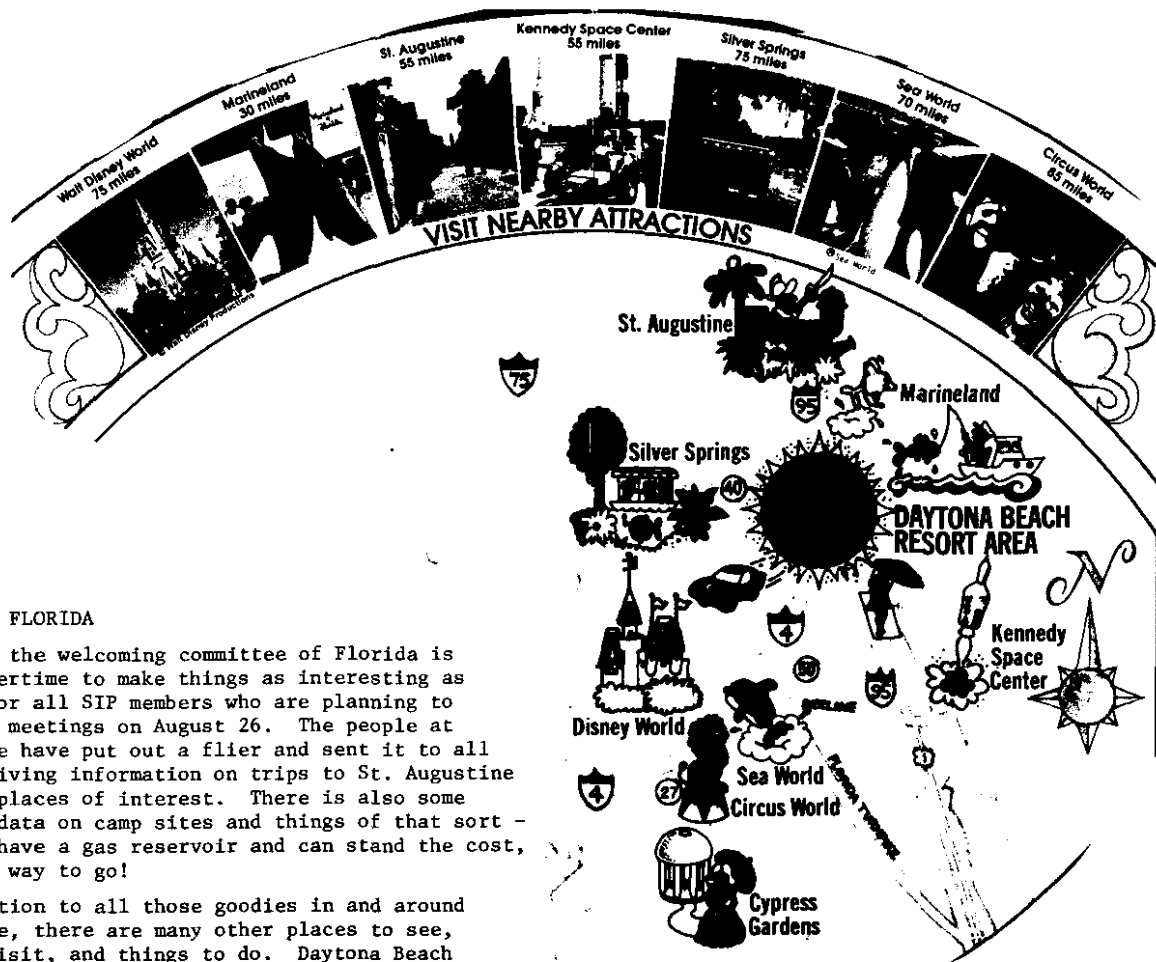
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XIIth ANNUAL MEETING

SOCIETY FOR INVERTEBRATE PATHOLOGY

University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

August 26-30, 1979



WELCOME TO FLORIDA

Indeed, the welcoming committee of Florida is working overtime to make things as interesting as possible for all SIP members who are planning to attend the meetings on August 26. The people at Gainesville have put out a flier and sent it to all members, giving information on trips to St. Augustine and other places of interest. There is also some very good data on camp sites and things of that sort - so if you have a gas reservoir and can stand the cost, that's the way to go!

In addition to all those goodies in and around Gainesville, there are many other places to see, sites to visit, and things to do. Daytona Beach and those Golden Girls, that's for me. Or how about visiting Sea World at Orlando, or Marineland, or Disney World, Sarasota Jungle Gardens and I rave on! In fact let's forget the sessions and just go sight-seeing.

A propos of sessions, this issue includes an up-to-date program of papers, etc. as you can see, and it is made to take out and fold in your pocket.

MICROSPORIDIAN WORKSHOP ADDENDUM

Dr. Dennis J. Joslyn will discuss isozyme comparisons among species of Microsporidia in addition to the regular program described in Newsletter #2, Volume XI, 1979.

REPORT FROM THE SIP WORKING GROUP (WG)

Safety of Microbial Control Agents

The Prague session work has been summarized and the summary was submitted and accepted for journal publication in Environmental Conservation, and according to the WG Chairman, M. Laird, will probably appear in the Autumn issue.

A second session is scheduled for the Annual Meeting at Gainesville, on Monday, August 27 from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. As the Chairman will be unable to attend, Al Undeen will be handling the direction of the session. All of those people interested in this aspect are urged to attend and are asked to submit discussion topics before the meeting. These topics should be sent to:

Dr. A. Undeen, Deputy-director
Research Unit on Vector Pathology (RUVV)
Memorial University of Newfoundland
St. John's, Newfoundland

Chairman Laird wishes to remind members that SIP/WG documents are maintained in a RUVV repository and that new documents are asked for and welcomed so that information can be made available to interested people.

REGIONAL NOTES - AUSTRALIA

Insect pathologists from around Australia met at the 3rd Applied Entomology Research Conference at Gatton, Queensland, from June 11 to 15 where the theme was "Biological Control."

A lunch-time meeting comprising Dudley Pinnock, Richard Milner, Stephen Gagen, Ian Griffiths, Carl Reinganum, Stephen Sexton, Tony Sweeney and the author decided to form an Invertebrate Pathology Group. Australian and New Zealand workers and other interested parties are invited to join and participate. Local information will be exchanged via a Newsletter and lists and repositories of pathogens established. Details may be obtained from Dudley Pinnock, Waite Agricultural Research Institute, University of Adelaide, P.M.B. No. 1, Glen Osmond, S.A. 5064.

During the Conference reports of work were presented and discussed at an informal Workshop. Topics included: Development of Baculoviruses as insecticides; possible role of non-occluded viruses in biological control; Bacillus thuringiensis for light-brown apple moth control; studies of Nosema locustae; microbial control of Heliothis; microbial control of mosquitoes; and microbial control of lucerne aphids. Richard Milner also presented a poster display of methods used in the release of exotic Entomophthora sphaerosperma for control of spotted alfalfa aphid on lucerne.

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SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Some uncertainty appears to exist among our members relative to subscription rates. Full membership for Americans only is \$8.00 - \$7.00 for the Society and \$1.00 to American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS). All other memberships are \$7.00 a year. The Journal (JIP) is purchased separately and costs \$40.00 for this year at least no matter where.

Aris Domnas
Editor

SIPeople -

Dr. A.M. Heimpel has stepped down from the position of Laboratory Chief of the Insect Pathology Laboratory, Plant Protection Institute, Agriculture Research, USDA. His address will remain the same, however, his phone number will now be (301) 344-3689. Dr. James L. Vaughn is now the Laboratory Chief and his new number is (301) 344-3688.

Howard Whisler running for front line office in the American Mycological Society. Prof. J. Couch of the Department of Botany at the University of North Carolina was honored this year by the Department. The library was named the John N. Couch Botany Library.

Your Newsletter editor, teaching summer school, somewhat weary of it all, and looking forward to relaxing at meetings.

Al Undeen, Deputy-director of RUVV (Newfoundland), visiting our treasurer Joe Maddox at Springfield, Illinois, no doubt discussing Nosema or such similar exotic animals. Marshall Laird, the Director of RUVV is off to the XIV Pacific Science Congress (Kabarovsk, USSR) this August.

Aaron Rosenfield, Carl Sinderman, Fred Bang and John Harshbarger all participated in the International Council for Exploration of the Seas (ICES) at Duke University Marine Laboratories, Morehead City, North Carolina. The meeting was held from February 25 to March 2, 1979. Aaron tells me that this was a wide ranging meeting with discussions on genetics, pathology, biochemistry, etc. Proceedings of the working group will be published within a year. In the meantime watch your local Newsletter for availability.

Aaron and Carl also hopped over to Conwy, North Wales in April to attend other ICES meetings sponsored by the UK Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF). Following this most participants went to the MAFF laboratory in Weymouth, England for a workshop on marine diseases. In addition, other SIP members were present, Jim Stewart of Canada, Paul van Banning of The Netherlands, J. Buchanan, B. Hill and Dave Alderman of the United Kingdom, and J.R. Bonami, M. Comps and G. Balonet of France.

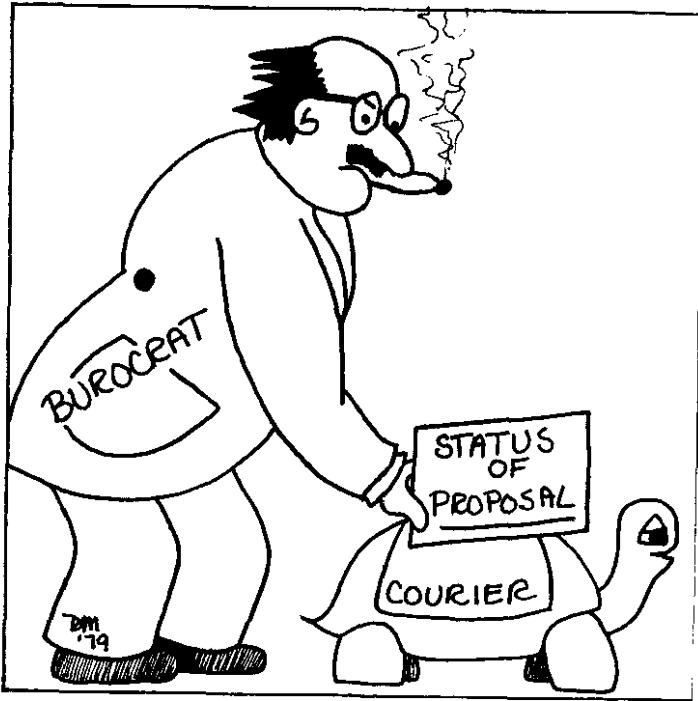
Jay Andrews, VIMS; Neil Bourne, Canada; and A. Rosenfield, U.S.A. presented papers at the National Shellfish Association held in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Ralph Elston presented a paper on Crassostrea oysters which won the Thurlow Nelson Award for best paper presented at the meeting. A. Rosenfield was installed as President of the NSA for the year 1979-1980.

Phyllis Johnson and J. Harshbarger attended the 4th Annual Ester Fish Health Workshop held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, June 25-27. The workshop was hosted by Jim Stewart.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MYCOPLASMOLOGY CONFERENCE

The International Organization for Mycoplasmaology will hold their 3rd International Conference in Custer, South Dakota, U.S.A., from September 3-9, 1980. To receive information contact: Dr. Paul F. Smith, Department of Microbiology, University of South Dakota School of Medicine, Vermillion, South Dakota 57069.

TO THE EDITOR



DON'T SEND THE REPLY BY REGULAR MAIL — USE THE SPECIAL COURIER.

THE DEAR JOHN SYNDROME

Many of us who have done time in the Armed Forces have heard of people, or may even be one of those, who received a Dear John letter. Indeed, so much was made of the Dear John letter, that it was incorporated into the GI argot and later became a part of the American vernacular. Briefly, for those who do not know, a Dear John letter was a letter from a fiancée (girl) to a fiancé (man) in the armed services, telling him that their engagement was off and that she had found another man. I would like to extend this syndrome to include another aspect which is much with us these days, and that is the Dear John from granting agencies. Most of us have received something of this sort from NIH or NSF in this country. Whenever I inquire as to where funds might be procured for such studies (and we are constantly reminded that biological control is vital to our ecology and economy), we are urged to apply to WHO.

The great WHO Derby was opened some 2½-3 years ago and many of us put our horses into it. Finally, this year, nearly, if not all of us in America, were given a Dear John. The WHO Derby had the following rules. a) When the proposal arrives, do not send a card or letter to the investigator telling him it arrived. Let him write letters and ask about it. b) Make the proposal form very complicated and detailed so that he has to repeat himself. This makes for more paper which is impressive and keeps the secretaries busy. c) When he inquires as to what's happening after a year of waiting, tell him he did not make the study section in time, and it won't be reviewed till next year. (Even though you know indirectly that it has been seen and read). d) After the proposal has been considered, tell him, "Yes Sir, just what we need. Now all we want from you is an update on what has gone by lately. Also do you mind if we add this or that to the proposal?" e) Finally, ask the investigator certain questions that have already been discussed in your original. Make him write some

more. Now!! Hit him with a Dear John, it will really finish him off. Tell him that his bug is second-rate, or that he did not fill in line 3, page 2, section VII of chapter 3√3. But really, the clincher is "we are broke."

Now, we Americans support WHO with probably the single biggest contributions in the United Nations, and in our country when somebody blows our tax money we demand an investigation. I feel that the U.S. should take a much closer look at how our contribution is being manipulated by the people at WHO.

From the Editor

NEW SUSTAINING MEMBERS SIP

It is with pleasure that we announce that the following companies are sustaining members for SIP.

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BOOK REVIEW

Fine Structure of Parasitic Protozoa. E. Scholtyseck.
Springer-Verlag, Berlin, 1979, 203 pp., \$39.80.

Reviewed by George A. Wistreich in American Society for Microbiology News. Vol. 45, #7, p. 409, July 1979.



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