

## NEWSLETTER



# SOCIETY FOR INVERTEBRATE PATHOLOGY

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## SPECIAL NOTICE

First Annual Meeting (with AIBS) September 3-7, 1968, at Columbus, Ohio

#### TRY TO BE THERE!!!

The Society for Invertebrate Pathology will extend the cut-off date on Charter and Founding Membership to March 1, 1968. This will accommodate those individuals who have not had adequate notice of the formation of this new organization. Please note the important statement, later in the Newsletter, concerning the change in price of subscription to the Journal of Invertebrate Pathology, published under the auspices of the Society.

#### GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Initiating a new scientific society "from scratch" is a difficult and frustrating undertaking at best. During these difficult times of world tribulation, rising taxes, increased dues of ongoing societies, increased printing costs, and even increased postage rates, such an effort might ordinarily be considered foolhardy. Fortunately, however, we have been blessed with the willing labor of dedicated men serving as members of your governing Council and as your officers, and backed by a small but steadily growing membership of scientists eager to promote the basic study of the phenomenon of disease in all its aspects in "animals without backbones." Accordingly, it is with confidence and enthusiasm that, in this first Newsletter and on behalf of the Society, I extend to each member our greetings and good wishes, and assure all of them that with their continued loyal support our course will surely be "onward and upward!"

In a manner similar to that currently used by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, your officers for the current term (until after the 1968 meeting) were elected by the governing Council. This Council evolved from an Organizing Committee selected by the votes of invertebrate pathologists responding to a questionnaire circulated early in 1967. details of the response from the questionnaire, certain of the actions of the Organizing Committee (Council), and other information have been published in the June, 1967, issue of the Journal of Invertebrate Pathology. pages i-iv. The Organizing Committee voted, initially at least, to hold the new Society's annual meeting with the American Institute of Biological Sciences, of which it is an affiliate member, next September 3-7, 1968, in Columbus, Ohio. More information will be forthcoming concerning this meeting from the Chairman (John D. Briggs) of the Program Committee. In the meantime, with the diligent work and guiding hands of our Secretary-Treasurer, Arthur M. Heimpel, the Council has approved a Constitution which in turn has enabled us to become legally incorporated. Dr. Heimpel will keep the membership informed as to the method by which the actions of the Council are to be ratified by the full membership of the Society, and other details involved in our organizational procedures.

Although more will be said about these matters by others, in welcoming you to participate in the activities of the Society, I should like to emphasize that it is a Society devoted to the pathology (i.e., disease in its broadest definition) and microbiology of all invertebrate animals, that invertebrate pathologists from any country in the world are eligible for membership and to hold office, that the membership dues are only \$4.00 per year, and that its activities are intended to be such as not to interfere or compete with those of any other society, association, or organization. By joining the Society for Invertebrate Pathology you can substantially aid in the promotion of "the scientific knowledge concerning the diseases of invertebrate animals and related subjects..." as stated in the opening passages of the Society's Constitution.

Edward A. Steinhaus

President

#### NEWS OF THE SOCIETY

No doubt most of you have received the Constitution draft that has been tentatively ratified by the Society Council. Please study it with care and consider any improvements you might wish to make at our first business meeting in September. The Constitution must be ratified by the membership at that time.

Perhaps many of you are rather hazy as to the stage of development we have reached in our new Society. The following information may help bring you up to date:

The Society is now incorporated in Maryland and the name reserved in that State as of October, 1967. (Incorporation in any one state officially establishes the Society; Maryland was arbitrarily chosen for reasons of convenience.) An application for tax exemption is being prepared; however, the Society must demonstrate to the Internal Revenue Service that it is not a profit making organization.

Acting as Council for the SIP, the Organizing Committee is composed of: E. A. Steinhaus, President; A. K. Sparks, Vice-President; A. M. Heimpel, Secretary-Treasurer; T. A. Angus, M. E. Martignoni, C. J. Sindermann, and V. Sprague, Trustees.

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Your President has appointed Dr. Leslie A. Stauber to be Chairman of the Nominating Committee. The Committee will present you with a slate of nominees for President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer at the first Annual Meeting in Columbus, Ohio. (As the Constitution now reads, the Vice-President's name shall appear on the ballot as the sole nominee for President.)

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Dr. Carlo M. Ignoffo has been appointed Chairman of the Membership Committee, and he will, no doubt, be beating the bushes to flush out the many invertebrate pathologists who have not yet joined the Society. Please make his task less arduous by sending that check for \$4.00 (dues for 1968) to the Secretary-Treasurer TODAY!

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The Society has been accepted for the coming year by the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS) as an Adherent Society. This step was taken by our Council primarily so that we could be aided in setting up our first annual meeting. Once the Society is soundly on its feet, we may wish to meet independently, hopefully in different countries. Dr. Victor Sprague has been appointed by the Council as the SIP representative on the Governing Board of the AIBS.

Dr. John D. Briggs has been appointed Chairman of the Program Committee for the meeting in Columbus, Ohio. He will undoubtedly have to approach other members for help with this Committee and with local arrangements. Please give him your full cooperation, so that our first meeting may be a truly great success.

The business sessions will take parts of two half days, and two half days will be set aside for the scientific sessions. More details of the Program will be provided later.

Dr. Briggs points out that there are limited air-conditioned living quarters and that these will be reserved on a "first come first served" basis, so send in your Advance Registration to AIBS as soon as possible. We hope to send you forms for this purpose in the near future; however, watch the March and April issues of Bioscience for the AIBS registration forms and send them in immediately!

The program will be scattered throughout the period of the AIBS meeting (3rd-7th of September) so that members may attend sessions with other groups and other disciplines at these meetings.

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We hope to make future Newsletters more "newsy." Accordingly, please send to the Secretary-Treasurer any items you think may be of interest to members of the Society. Because of the already heavy burden on the Office of Secretary-Treasurer, we hope to have the Publication Board of the Society appoint a regular Editor for the Newsletter in due time.

### JOURNAL AND FEES

Several members who had sent in their \$4.00 fee when the initial announcements were made, are now sending in their \$4.00 fee again, presumably for 1968. This is not necessary. The fees you paid were for 1968. Members will be billed sometime in the late summer of 1968 for the 1969 fees.

The publisher's increase in the price of the Journal of Invertebrate Pathology has caused much confusion. We apologize, but if it is any satisfaction, the Secretary-Treasurer has suffered from this change more than any other individual. Beginning in January, 1969, the Journal will be issued in two volumes, with three issues in each volume. Each volume costs \$10.00 (a special price to members only), making the total cost of the 1968 subscription \$20.00. (Incidentally, this increase in the charge for the Journal reflects the increase in printing costs which has hit virtually all journals. However, in this case it will enable the Journal to publish more pages a year and thus catch up on the backlog and shorten the time between receipt and publication of papers.)

Another important point has arisen. Academic Press charges \$2.00 shipping fee for subscriptions to points outside the United States and Canada. Accordingly, subscribers from outside the United States must send \$22.00 if they wish to subscribe to the two 1968 volumes of the Journal. We have received several subscriptions from outside the United States submitted with \$20.00; the Society intends to pay the extra shipping fee of \$2.00 for each of these applications since proper notice was not given. Please understand that this is notice of the extra charge. Past this date, the shipping fee will not be paid by the Society.

The following is an adjusted statement of cost of Society membership and cost of subscription (optional) to the Jowrnal:

Regular Membership	\$ 4.00		
Charter Membership + Journal subscription	\$24.00 (4. + 20.)	Outside USA	\$26.00 (24. + 2. shipping fee
Founding Membership + Journal subscription	\$35.00 (15. + 20.)	Outside USA	\$37.00 (35. + 2. shipping fee
Student Membership	\$ 2.00		
Student Membership + Journal subscription	\$22.00 (2. + 20.)	Outside USA	\$24.00 (22. + 2. shipping fee)

Please remember: you are not required to subscribe to the Journal! You can join the Society for Invertebrate Pathology for only \$4.00. On the other hand, if you also wish to receive the Journal, you need not pay the Institutional price of \$40.00 for the two volumes, but the Private subscriber price of \$20.00 (plus \$2.00 shipping costs for subscribers living outside of North America).

### CHANGES OF ADDRESS

The Newsletter will provide a service to all who change their addresses and wish this advertised. Please notify the Secretary-Treasurer if you wish to take advantage of this.

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Please let me extend to you the best wishes of the President and his Council during the New Year. May the coming year be a happy and prosperous one for you and for the new Society for Invertebrate Pathology. Remember, tell your associates and students that there is still time to join the Society as a Regular, Charter, or Founding Member. Simply send your dues (\$4.00) for 1968 to:

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