

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that 2005 is so near its end, it will be December when you receive this issue which means that it is dues time again, prompt payment is appreciated. Each year it seems that we have a few more members giving up their collections than there are new members joining so the proportion of life members (who paid dues in advance) increases so that each issue runs into the red. If this situation doesn't change along with members who will be able and willing to assume the vacancies of the various editors and officers the Biology Unit will have a struggle in the future. There are several actions that you can do to help; one is if you have a computer capable of using our web site let us send you Biophilately it will save printing and postage costs www.biophilately.org let Chris Dahle chris-dahle@fastermac.net know; another thing we gladly accept donations; also please consider volunteering to help whenever and wherever your interests are.

Several years ago all the collectors were complaining about deluge of topical stamps, now at least for butterflies there are very few issued. I'm finding it hard to get everything out to put in a few issues so perhaps its time to expand into some side lines I've been considering. Some bios of authors with some of those extra stamps I have tucked away and some mimicry rings. There always something that you can do to keep your interest up.

Best wishes for the up coming holidays and health and happiness for the New Year.

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