

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

In preparing this issue of the journal, I noticed something odd about the projected volume date. Our quarterly publication schedule seemed out of normal alignment. For instance, we published the third edition of Volume 60 with an October date. So if we followed the quarterly schedule, this fourth edition, which actually relates to the year 2011, would be dated January 2012. I wondered how we got offset.

I looked at our previous editions and it seems that the progression started with Volume 59. A check with our previous editor confirmed that the delay in publication date was due to late submissions and other complexities of production. In order to get back on our normal subscription track, I am going to be moving up the submission dates for future editions.

What brought this discrepancy to my attention was that I was writing this editorial in November looking forward to the upcoming holidays and I wanted to wish all of you readers an enjoyable holiday season. But then I realized the season might be already past before you get to read this. I and our publisher will try to get this edition out before the holidays. However, if it arrives late, I hope that you and your loved ones did have a terrific holiday, and in any case I can wish you all the best in the New Year.

One way for readers to avoid the delay in receiving the journal is to subscribe to the on-line version. It is usually available for download within a day or so of the final editing. Another advantage of the web version is that it is less expensive than the print version. The cost is \$15 per year for the on-line edition versus \$20 for US and Canada and \$25 rest of the world for the print version. You can find the details for ordering the on-line version at: <http://biophilately.org/application.htm>. The most recent three issues are password protected and available only to web and print subscribers. But all other archived issues are available to any user. So, if there is an edition you missed, or an article you would like to see again, the on-line archive is a way to obtain them.

Speaking of web sites, the American Topical Association, our parent organization, has revamped their web site and you can find it at: <http://www.AmericanTopicalAssn.org>. You can find current information there about the annual National Topical Stamp Show scheduled to be held 22-24 June 2012, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. I highly encourage all members to attend. The Biology Unit holds its annual meeting at this show and I would greatly enjoy meeting all of you there.

In the current edition, we have several checklists for new issues. I invite readers to send me their suggestions for improvement on any aspect of the journal. See the inside cover for contact information. And, as I mentioned previously, I am always looking for articles, letters, and other input of interest to the readers for inclusion in future editions.

Jack Congrove

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