

ATA INSECT HANDBOOK # 150

The ATA has recently issued Handbook # 150, "*Insects of the World on Stamps - Volume III*", the author of which is Don Wright, our Entomology editor. The book is about an inch thick, arranged in two columns with the contents arranged first by country and second by taxonomic order and family. An index to orders and families is included.

The introduction on page 1 notes that the period covered is from the beginning of 1992 to the end of 2002, plus most of the issues of 2003. Included are stylized, unidentified and implied insects, but without postal stationery (except US), locals, revenues and cinderellas. However, since many collectors are interested in the so-called "stamps" from some parts of the Soviet Union, Russia and other "illegal" issues from various countries, such labels have been included.

There were two previous ATA publications on insects, the first being handbook # 98, published in 1979, which included 'other invertebrates' such as shells, corals, sea urchins, crabs, lobsters and shrimp. The authors for the insect portion were Alan Hanks and Don Wright, with Byron Bratlie, George Barse and Willard Stanley authoring the other invertebrates.

The second publication was Insect Handbook # 123 covered all insect issues up to the end of 1991 and a copy of # 123 will be included free (as long as supplies last) with orders for handbook # 150, which is cover priced at \$29. It is available from the A.T.A., P.O. Box 57, Arlington, TX 76004-0057. E-mail: americantopical@msn.com.
