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MESSAGE FROM THE NEW EDITOR

As all of you are no doubt aware *The Phycologist* has been in a state of transition in recent months due to the absence of a permanent editor. Rather rashly and perhaps somewhat naively, I have agreed to take over this position. At the June BPS council meeting there was much discussion over the form that the Newsletter should take to best serve the interests of the members. We finally agreed to revamp this publication in the style of a more modern production, with a newspaper type format and the inclusion of colour reproduction. But don't panic, all of the usual articles will be included, apart from the abstracts for the Winter Meeting, which will be published separately. I would be particularly keen to increase the number of photographs and I already have ideas about at least three longer-running items, a 'Historical Corner' and sections on 'Taxonomic Tips' and 'Phycological Methods'. The one major difference between the new publication and the older versions is that the articles need to be concise and yet informative and I will reserve the right to edit these accordingly. Obviously, the success of this venture depends largely on you, the members. Any comments, advice or suggestions are encouraged. Finally, I would like to thank the acting editor, Richard Geider, for all the work that he has done on *The Phycologist*, whilst still dealing with his many duties as Secretary of the BPS.

