MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

The pressure of work from my full-time employment has become so great that I feel that I can no longer give the Newsletter the amount of attention that it needs for its successful development. I have therefore decided reluctantly to resign from the editorship with effect from the next AGM in January 1985. The present President of the Society, George Russell, will become the new editor. To ease the transition the Newsletter has been rescheduled. This is a short issue with more urgent announcements. Longer items which I already have to hand and any other announcements which members wish to be included will be in an issue to be sent out at the end of December. The first issue to be edited by George Russell will be mailed in May 1985 and copy should reach George by 1st April. Editorial addresses are:

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Professor Taylor has pointed out that his association with the Marine Biological Laboratory dates from 1917, not 1914 as stated in the last Newsletter.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Birmingham, U.K., 15-19 April 1985  
Dr. Barry Leadbeater, Biomineralization Symposium,  
Dept. of Plant Biology, University of Birmingham,  
P.O. Box 363, Birmingham B15 2T, U.K.

2. Third International Conference on Modern and Fossil Dinoflagellates.  
Egham, Surrey, U.K., 12-17 August 1985  
Professor J.D. Dodge, Dino 3, Botany Dept., Royal Holloway & Bedford Colleges, Egham, Surrey, TW20 OEX, U.K.
3. Advanced Phytoplankton Course: Taxonomy and Systematics
(For experienced participants), Naples, Italy, 1-21 July 1985
Dr Carmelo R. Tomas, Head of Marine Botany, Stazione Zoologica,

4. The Second International Phycological Congress will take
place in Copenhagen 4-10 August 1985. The Congress is
open to anybody interested in phycology.

The First Circular has been issued. The Second Circular,
containing registration and booking forms as well as call
for papers will be mailed in September 1984 to those who
have sent the Reply Form from the First Circular, and by
request to the Congress Secretariat, DIS Congress Ser-
vice, Linde Allé 48, DK-2720 Vanløse, Copenhagen, Den-
mark.

5. The 5th biennial meeting of the International
Society for Evolutionary Protistology will be
held on June 10-14, 1985 at Carleton University,
Ottawa, Canada. There will be papers on
the evolution of algae, protozoa, zoosporic fungi
and other primitive eukaryotes, and a symposium
on molecular systematics and cellular evolution.
A workshop on cytological terminology will
explore means of standardizing names of
organelles and cellular systems in algae, protozoa
and fungi. These meetings provide the unique
opportunity for an exchange of ideas and
technology between internationally recognized
authorities from different disciplines who
would otherwise not meet at more traditionally
structured conferences. For further information
write to: ISEP Secretariat, Conference Services,
National Research Council of Canada, Ottawa,
Ontario, Canada K1A OR6.

VACANT POST

Research Assistantship on marine fouling algae from October
1984. Professor B.E.L. Jones, Dept. of Biological Sciences,
Portsmouth Polytechnic, King Henry Building, King Henry I Street,
Portsmouth, Hants., PO1 2DY, U.K.

REQUESTS FOR HELP

1. Johan Gillis is carrying out work for a Ph.D. thesis on the
West European species of *Polysiphonia* with 4 pericentra.
He would be very grateful to receive either herbarium or
fixed material.
Specimens should be sent to:
Johan Gillis, Lab. Morphology, Systematics and Ecology of
Plants, State University Gent, K.L. Ledeganckstraat 35,
B-9000 Gent, Belgium.

2. Elizabeth Gordon-Miles is preparing a monograph on southern
Australian *Chondria*. The 20 species include *C. tenueissima*
and *C. dasypocephylia* which occur in Britain. Dr. Gordon-Miles
has not seen type specimens of these and only poor European
material and therefore would be grateful for pickled or herba-
rium fertile material. It is difficult to make taxonomic
decisions about southern Australian collections based on
European types without such material.
Society logo competition

10 designs were submitted by 5 artists, and were displayed outside the lecture hall throughout the 1984 Winter Meeting. The 100 or so participants were urged on several occasions to vote for the design of their choice, but only 24 votes were cast - and one of these was for none of the entries. Of the remaining 23 votes, there was a clear majority in favour of a design submitted by Richard Crawford, and this is reproduced below. However, in view of the evident lack of enthusiasm about the submitted designs (or, possibly, about having a logo at all), Council decided that we would not be justified in adopting a logo at this stage. What we want is a stronger expression of your opinion. Could you please consider the most favoured design, and send either a "YES, I like it!" or a "NO, we don't need a logo" or an alternative design to me in time for consideration at next year's A.G.M.

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Newsletter Correspondents

Following the request in the last Newsletter, the editor is delighted to announce that two European members have volunteered to provide reports on phycological activities in their countries. They are Dr. Uwe J. Santore of the Botanisches Institut der Universität Düsseldorf, West Germany, and Dr. T. Gallardo of the Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain. The editor wishes to express his thanks to them. The first report will appear in the December 1984 issue. Further correspondents are still needed.
Publications

Phaeophyta at the British Museum
The Museum has now published A geographical index to the collections of Phaeophyta (brown algae) held in the British Museum (Natural History) by I. Tittley and D.A. Sutton, on microfiche. The index is published as 2 microfiche, in an introductory folder, at £6.00. (ISBN 0 568 00897 8)
The index is a companion to the inventory of type specimens published in 1983 as Type specimens of Phaeophyta at the British Museum (Natural History) as 1 microfiche by I. Tittley and W.J. Tyler.
Both publications are obtainable from British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Rd., London SW7 5BD, U.K.

Progress in Phycological Research, Volume 3.
The third volume of this series will appear later this year with seven in-depth articles ranging widely over phycological topics. Publication has been taken over by a new company under the personal control of Professor Frank Round of Bristol University with the express aim of producing this together with other series and books of interest to biologists, but at the most reasonable price possible. Readers including final year Honours and research students have expressed their appreciation of articles which have appeared in the first two volumes and feel this publication fills a gap in the literature which has been long overdue. The quality will remain the same but a slightly changed printing format will increase the content by about 20% without an accompanying increase in number of pages.
Volume 4 is now being written and it is intended that the series will build into a valuable library of phycological studies.

Please see the enclosed leaflet for further details and note the extra offer on orders received before the end of the year. We ask for your support which is vital if we are to ensure the series goes from strength to strength.

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