

In Honor of Our Retiring Editor, Harry O. Yates III

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Harry O. Yates III retired as Editor of *The Journal of Entomological Science* on March 26, 1993. During its 28-year history, Dr. Yates has served this journal in various capacities including Business Manager, Associate Editor, and Editor. He was involved in its inception in 1964 when he served as a member of a committee that studied a proposal that the Georgia Entomological Society begin publishing a society-sponsored scientific journal. That committee, chaired by Robert Davis, recommended that the Society begin publishing *The Journal of the Georgia Entomological Society* in 1966. The inaugural issue was published in Athens in January 1966 with Horace O. Lund as Editor, Robert Davis as Associate Editor, and J. H. Girardeau as Business Manager.

As Associate Editor, Dr. Yates developed and introduced a new organizational structure for the Editorial Board of *The Journal of the Georgia Entomological Society*. This organization established a panel of six subject editors representing the six sections used by the Entomological Society of America: Systematics, Morphology, and Evolution; Crop Protection Entomology; Extension and Regulatory Entomology; Ecology, Behavior, and Bionomics; Medical and Veterinary Entomology, and; Physiology, Biochemistry, and Toxicology. Each of the six subject editors was vested with the responsibility for review of manuscripts and recommendations of manuscript acceptance or rejection based upon peer review by qualified referees. Dr. Yates's organizational change broadened the base for technical review of submitted manuscripts, expanded the national and international recognition of *The Journal of the Georgia Entomological Society*, and distributed the workload associated with publishing a growing scientific journal.

Dr. Yates convened the first meeting of the newly-established editorial board in 1983. That Board discussed and endorsed the selection of an ad hoc committee within the Georgia Entomological Society to select a new name for ***The Journal of the Georgia Entomological Society***. Board members felt that the Journal was generally characterized by peer review panels as a local state periodical and that submission of quality research papers would continue to decrease if the Journal title were not changed to remove "Georgia."

At the Society's annual meeting in 1984, the membership voted overwhelmingly to approve the Journal name change. A Journal Advisory Committee, chaired by Associate Editor Harry Yates, was appointed on May 30, 1984 and met on July 30, 1984. Other members of that committee included H. O. Lund (Journal Editor), Bill Bruce (Journal Business Manager), Herb Womack (Society President and Journal Subject Editor), Don Nordlund (Society Secretary-Treasurer), Raymond Noblet (Journal Subject Editor), and Society members James O. Howell, John All, and John McLaughlin. The committee recommended that (1) the journal title be changed to ***The Journal of Entomological Science***; (2) a new cover be designed incorporating the new title, and ; (3) a new printer be contracted to print the Journal. All recommendations were instituted with the 20th volume of the Journal.

Harry O. Yates III served as Editor of ***The Journal of Entomological Science*** for 7 years. He personally oversaw the processing of an average of 100 manuscripts per volume during his tenure as Editor. He continued to suggest and implement subtle changes that have significantly improved the Journal including expansion of the Editorial Board from six to eight members and utilization of an annual photo salon to select outstanding insect photographs for inclusion in the Journal covers.

Dr. Yates recently reported that ***The Journal of Entomological Science*** is in sound shape both financially and editorially. He added that during 19 years of publishing ***The Journal of Georgia Entomological Society*** and 8 years as ***The Journal of Entomological Science***, we have published 1,602 scientific papers and 8 supplements on 10,528 pages of print.¹

The success of this periodical can be attributed to the hard work of a number of individuals. However, we take this time to honor Harry O. Yates III and his attributes of vision, courage, and service which have been so instrumental in the continued evolution of ***The Journal of Entomological Science***.

¹"Growth and Status of Our Journal," Invitational Address, 57th Meeting of the Georgia Entomological Society, 25 March 1993, Athens, GA.