

POSTFACE: EDITOR'S NOTE

As explained by the Editor-in-Chief in the Foreword, this special issue consists of papers commissioned by ICIPE and UNEP on selected topics in integrated pest management. During the preparation of this issue, several authors opted to update their papers, originally prepared in 1992. Thus, there are citations to work done after 1994 in the papers by J.C. van Lenteren and W. A. Overholt (pp. 557–582); E. O. Osir and F. Gould (pp. 621–631); J. W. Ssenyonga, G. Goodell, G. T. Lako and S. Tedla (pp. 633–648).

The editors of *Insect Science and its Application* would like to thank Chapman and Hall for permission to publish several paragraphs of text from the paper by H. F. van Emden and Z. T. Dabrowski (pp. 605–620) which first appeared in the book *Beyond Silent Spring: Integrated Pest Management and Chemical Safety* (H. F. van Emden and D. Peakall) published in June, 1996. We also thank Academic Press for permission to reproduce the tables on pages 610 and 612 which were first published in 1986 in the book *Insect Parasitoids* (eds. J. Waage and D. Greathead).

Over the past six months, *Insect Science and its Application* has been undergoing a major reorganisation of both its management and editorial policy. These will become most apparent with Volume 16, although readers may begin to notice improved standards in the last issues of Volume 15.

In an effort to put the journal back onto a timely publication schedule we are now processing the backlog of manuscripts accepted for publication, as soon as they have been reviewed, edited and revised according to our new policies. In this and the next few issues, therefore, manuscripts accepted in 1995 and 1996 may be antedated and published in Volume 15 (1994) and Volume 16 (1995), respectively. We also intend to combine several issues in order to bring the journal up to date. A revised Instructions to Authors will appear in Volume 16 Number 1.

We ask our readers and contributors to bear with us as we attempt to make *Insect Science and its Application* more responsive to the needs of researchers and practitioners of tropical insect science.

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