Editorial/Presidents Message

Dear ISIR Member,

For a number of years ISIR newsletters have been produced and posted on the society’s website (http://sun.science.wayne.edu/~jram/isir). I suspect that many members forget to visit this website and therefore it has been decided that the ISIR should produce a regular biannual newsletter sent to members by e-mail. The aim is to distribute the newsletter in Autumn and Spring. In addition the newsletter will be posted on the website. The first two issues will be edited by Hans Ferenz and myself. We hope, however, that by the end of the next conference, an ISIR member (or members) will take over this task.

Newsletters not only rely on enthusiastic editors but most importantly cooperative society members, i.e. members prepared to send information to the editors. We hope that you will all find the newsletters interesting and informative. Please send us news (or). The newsletters can also carry notices of conferences, workshops as well as positions and studentships available.
Somehow it seems hard to believe that two years have passed since the 2001 meeting in South Africa. After a great deal of work by the editors (especially Hans Laufer) we managed to publish papers from the conference in volume 41 (1-3) of Invertebrate Reproduction and Development. This volume appeared in 2002 and was dedicated to Professor Kenoth Adiyodi, a founding member of the ISIR. He had intended being at the Grahamstown meeting but died only a few weeks before. The next ICIRD meeting is only just around the corner (in 11 months time) and I hope that you are all looking forward to it as much as I am. This meeting is of course to be held at Newcastle University (see below for further details). The ISIR committee has already received a bid to host the 2007 meeting with Dr Rachael Collin offering to organize a meeting in Panama. No doubt Rachael will be presenting details in Newcastle and any other person or group who would like to step forward and bid for 2007 or even 2010 should inform one or the committee members.

Alan Hodgson

**Society and journal to forge closer links**

The ISIR plans to deepen its relationship with its official journal, *Invertebrate Reproduction & Development*. In the future, members of the Executive Board of the ISIR will automatically be offered places on the Editorial Board of the Journal. The move has been warmly welcomed by the Board, the Journal editors and the publisher, all of whom believe it will strengthen both the Journal and the Society's sense of 'academic ownership' of it. We hope that Society members will continue, renew and/or increase their support for Invertebrate Reproduction & Development; they may be encouraged to know that the Journal has have little backlog of papers at present and publication times are likely to be short as a consequence. Further details will be sent to you separately.

David W. Golding, Editor

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**10th ICIRD – Newcastle University, U.K.**

The 10th International Congress on Invertebrate Reproduction and Development will be at Newcastle University from the 18th to 23rd July 2004. To ensure that you are on the conference
mailing list you can contact the conference organizer, Dr Matt Bentley at icird.2004@ncl.ac.uk. Matt is busy preparing a conference website and this should be active soon.

The provisional programme contains sessions on: Fertilization (kinetics, cellular events, mechanisms); Comparative aspects of regional organization in early development; Biorhythmicity (seasonality; mechanisms; life history consequences); Oogenesis (vitellogenesis, lipid biosynthesis; egg quality and larval fitness); Chemical communication in reproduction and development (pheromones, metamorphic and settlement cues); “Hot Topics” in invertebrate reproduction and development.

Most days will begin with a plenary lecture. There will be a mid-conference excursion (for example there are two world heritage sites very close to Newcastle – Hadrian’s Wall and Durham Cathedral & Castle).

A message from the treasurer………

When I started my task as treasurer of our society I did not realize how much time I have to spend to find correct addresses and to remind members to pay their membership dues. Some members are really very reluctant. Please send me your new address if you move to somewhere else and please pay your dues quickly after receipt of the dues statement. It is so easy: check or credit card, US $ or Euro. And remember: your membership fee entitles you to a substantially reduced registration fee at our next international congress!

In order to enhance scientific exchange among our members and to identify experts for certain invertebrate groups or specific research areas you should supply me with more details about your scientific interests (ferenz@zoologie.uni-halle.de). I shall include such data into our databank. Also if you have your own homepage, please send me its internet address.

When updating our membership lists I noticed that quite a number of members is retired and some of them therefore cancelled their membership. Please inform your younger coworkers and colleagues about ISIRD and ask them to join our society.

Hans J. Ferenz

Conference Diary

January 2004


April 2004

June 2004
VI International Larval Biology Meeting, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong. 21-25 June. http://www.larval2004.ust.hk
The Eighth International Conference on the Juvenile Hormone will take place on June 20-25, 2004 at the North Lake Tahoe Conference Center, King's Beach, California. 
Further information can be obtained at the JH 8 website: http://www.zoo.utoronto.ca/JH8

July 2004
VIII Polychaete conference, Madrid, Spain. 5-9 July. E-mail Guillermo.sanmartin@uam.es

World Congress of Malacology, Perth, Western Australia. 11-16 July.
http://www.online.net.au/malsoc

16th International Congress on Arachnology, Gent Belgium. 12-17 July.


August 2004

XXII International Congress of Entomology, Brisbane, Australia. 15-21 August.

What a bargain!

Are your colleagues already member of the INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF INVERTEBRATE REPRODUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT? Ask them to join our society.

Benefits of membership

- **Reduced registration fees** at the International Congress (usually by more than the cost of the membership!) and at meetings of affiliated societies.
- **Discounted price** on the journal *Invertebrate Reproduction & Development*
- Society Newsletter
- Web site
- Competitive **travel grants** for graduate students and young professionals to attend the International Congress

For an international society the dues are very reasonable. The dues are paid on a 3-year basis, at only US $ 20 or € 20 per year, and even less for students. Members wishing to receive the journal *Invertebrate Reproduction & Development* can obtain it for a special discounted price. Furthermore, members can obtain a 3-year subscription to the journal at an even further discounted rate.

**Membership Form**

(for online application see ISIR homepage)
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Membership category: □ 3 year Regular membership (US $ 60 or € 60)

□ 3 year Student membership (US $ 30 or € 30)

IRD-Journal subscription: I wish to subscribe

□ 1 year subscription (US $ 125)

□ 3 year subscription (US $ 345)

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Europe by transfer of the €-amount to our German bank) or with credit card (VISA or MASTERCARD).
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