



# NEWSLETTER

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## INTRODUCTION

This long-awaited communication on IAA affairs initiates the quarterly production of a Newsletter series.

The format remains flexible and informal. Association members are invited to submit letters to the editor, commentaries on specific topics, accounts of local program activities of general interest to the membership, information queries, and the like.

It is our objective to stimulate communications within the membership of the IAA and the success of the Newsletter, in this regard, will largely depend on your participation. Please send your contributions to me at the address given below, or to our Secretary-Treasurer, Stellan Karlsson, who will be responsible for production and mailing from the address given above.

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## LOOKING BACK AT KUOPIO

The Third International Symposium on Freshwater Crayfish was held at Kuopio, Finland, August 5-8, 1976. Some 50 scientific papers and visual presentations were registered, reflecting the expanding international and multidisciplinary concern for the world's freshwater crayfish resources and their beneficial value to mankind.

Looking back at Kuopio — continued.

Kuopio, an historic and vigourously modernizing city in the heart of Finland's Lake District, was a delightful location for the meetings. The local excursions proved most interesting and were well-attended. The all day boat trip to the Heinävesi Monastery challenged the amateur photographers among us and proved to be a perfect wind-down experience after the meetings. It also provided the opportunity for many serious discussions on Association affairs.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank again Ossi Lindqvist for his masterful organizing of the symposium and also our Finnish hosts in general for their hardwork and friendliness on our behalf. The published proceedings should be available within the next few months and Dr. Lindqvist, as proceedings editor, is working industriously to that end.

The Business Meeting saw John C. Mason (Canada) assume the Presidency, Ossi V. Lindqvist (Finland) elected as President-Elect, and A. Stellan Karlsson (Sweden) as Secretary-Treasurer.

Article III, Section 2 of the Bylaws was amended to include institutional membership.

Honorary memberships was conferred on Dr. Horton H. Hobbs, Jr. (U.S.A.) and on Dr. h. c. Ruben Rausing (Sweden) for their notable contributions which have advanced the objectives of the I.A.A. Both gentlemen have expressed their deep appreciation to the Association for this honor. I think that it is most fitting that our first two honorary members be of such diverse backgrounds yet share a common enthusiasm and high regard for the aims of the I.A.A.

#### LOOKING FORWARD TO THONON-LES-BAINS

The Fourth International Symposium on Freshwater Crayfish will be held at Thonon-les-Bains, France, August 28-31, 1978. The symposium is being coordinated by Dr. Paul Laurent, Directeur, Station d'Hydrobiologie Lacustre de Thonon (INRA) and sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture (INRA) and the Conseil Supérieur de la Pêche, through Dr. Jacques Arrignon.

Looking forward to Thonon-les-Bains -- continued.

Thonon-les-Bains is located on Lake Geneva (lac Lemman). It is 30 km from Geneva airport and offers excellent accommodations and facilities for the meetings. The meetings are timed for the end of the tourist season. A wide range of accommodations will be available and considerable attention is being directed at those of us on limited budgets, especially students.

Our French colleagues are presently busy planning organized excursions to follow the meetings. As new information becomes available, it will appear in the forthcoming Newsletters. Please plan to attend the 1978 Symposium !

#### NEW COMMITTEES AND FORMATION OF WORKING GROUPS

I am actively seeking new ways to encourage study, communication, and application of findings, and open discussion of problems in accord with the stated objectives of the Association.

We should be developing organizational ways by which these ends can be attained on a continuing, functional basis between symposia.

The international meetings should also reflect such organizational constructs, serving to catalyze and consolidate progress made in various problem areas during the interim between meetings.

To these ends, certain committees and working group identities are presently taking form and more specific information will be given in subsequent Newsletters.

#### A LAPEL PIN/TIE CLASP FOR THE I.A.A.

Hopefully, we will soon have an organizational symbol which can be worn either as a tie-pin or a lapel pin - take your choice. The design selected by the Executive Board will be reviewed for manufacturing technicalities and for cost analysis in the near future. The membership is being queried (see membership renewal form below) as to their general acceptance of such a pin and relative preference for either type of pin. We need to know the appropriate ratio of preference and get some feeling for the potential size of the order for the manufacturer.

It is hoped that a fraction of the sales price can be channelled into our coffers as buffering funds against the ever-raising costs of communication and mailing.

A lapel pin /tie clasp for the I.A.A. -- continued.

Anyway, we should have organizational pins well in advance of the next meetings -- perhaps much sooner.

#### FIRST PROCEEDINGS

The proceedings from our first symposium, Freshwater Crayfish I, are still available. From now on I.A.A. has taken over the distribution of this book. The price remains the same, 50 Skr/copy, and orders shall be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer.

#### STATUS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

The Secretary-Treasurer has been reviewing the membership lists and begun a preliminary analysis of membership vital statistics, the objective being to better appreciate the nature of our collective corpus.

The membership directory will be brought up to date following the end of our membership drive this summer. By this fall (September Newsletter) we should be in good position to comment on our membership state, rate of growth, world distribution of the membership, etc.

With much sadness we mark the passing of Marcel A. Cabantous (France) who died shortly after his return home from the Kuopio meetings. He will be well-remembered for his keen sense of humor and unflagging interest in the intensive culture of crayfishes, exemplified by his first-rate paper on that subject delivered at the Second International Symposium held at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, U.S.A., in 1974.