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In my previous Editor's message, I commented that in an age where entomologists are becoming a rare species, an adaptive response is to broaden our perspective on entomology to include all science focused on insects. When I first joined the ESO and attended my first ESO conference, Yves Prevost, the previous JESO Editor, asked me in a very friendly manner, whether I had just moved to Ontario. I replied that no, I had been at Brock for five or six years. Yves asked why I had not been at previous meetings, and I replied that I wasn't really sure that I was an entomologist. Yves looked really puzzled, and inquired if I studied insects. When I told him that I studied bees, he responded 'Well, then, you are an entomologist!' I have always treasured that conversation, because it represented to me such a broad and welcoming perspective in defining entomology. This perspective has also guided me as Editor of JESO – all sorts of insect science are welcome at ESO and JESO.

I have been Editor of JESO for about 5 years, starting with Volume 135 (2005) which I co-edited with Yves. I am very pleased that we have managed to accomplish so much in that time. The Journal is back to a regular, annual publication cycle and is now distributed electronically from the ESO website, as well as being published in the more classical paper format. An exciting development is a plan to include JESO in a large electronic journal listing service which will lead to a quantum leap in journal visibility. Although final details are not yet settled, I anticipate that this listing will begin with the current volume. Another exciting development is a plan to have all back issues made available electronically in the near future.

With these developments, JESO will have successfully accomplished the mission that I set out when I first became Editor. I sincerely thank Yves, all the Associate Editors, and the ESO Board for entrusting JESO to me, in the process convincing me, that yes, I am an entomologist. I am very proud of our accomplishments and very gratified that I can pass the baton to a new Editor, knowing that JESO is thriving. I will be co-editing Volume 142 (2011) with a new Editor, who I am sure will guide the Journal through its next developmental phase.

Happy reading!

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Editor