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From the Editor,

Five years ago, the Proceedings adopted a bilingual policy, inviting manuscripts either in English or in French. I considered this an overdue policy decision not only because we have always had a number of Francophone members, but also because we wanted to reach out to our colleagues in Québec, whose provincial Entomological Society no longer publishes a regional journal. This year, the 'Proceedings' is benefitting greatly from this bilingual policy, in that we are publishing two papers by Laurent LeSage and Pierre Paquin. These papers are the first two coming out of a large, long term study of the bio-geography of the terrestrial arthropods of the 'Parc de Conservation de la Gaspésie' in Québec. The first paper is a detailed general description of the unique location and biology of the park, while the second paper is an in-depth study of the spiders of the park. With our publishing of these two papers, we are continuing the strong recent emphasis of the 'Proceedings' on publishing the results of bio-diversity studies. The rate of climate change, introduction of alien species, and extinction of native species will in all probability increase over the current century. All this will undoubtedly cause major changes in the relative species abundances and distributions of biological communities. The Gaspé project is a valuable study of an area that has so far escaped serious effects of man-made change, but may be strongly affected by the anticipated environmental changes in the future.

Three other papers in the current volume fit into this general category. Donald Chandler's paper on the ant-like litter beetles of the Queen Charlotte Islands also forms a good baseline study for a defined taxon in a region which is threatened by a lot of change in the future. The papers by Suzanne Blatt and coworkers and by Krista Ryall and Sandy Smith focus on the effects of introduced species on local ecosystems. Two further communications, one on the possible role of neem in forest pest management, and the other on pollen collection by different strains of honeybees, round out this year's volume. I am confident that you, the readers, will agree with me that the 'Proceedings' is, as usual, playing an important role in the dissemination of entomological research in Ontario, and beyond.

I must end this note, with what for me is a milestone. I have been the editor of the 'Proceedings' for six years, and have decided that six years is enough. The 'Proceedings' will, in my opinion, gain from a new person at the helm. I am very pleased to be able to introduce Dr. Yves Prévost of Lakehead University as the new editor. Yves will have taken over by the time you read this, and he is actively urging you to consider the 'Proceedings' as the venue for your next publication. I know Yves very well, and I am confident that Yves will do a super job as editor. Finally,

I consider it an honor to have been the editor of this small, but high quality entomological journal, and I thank you all for the confidence you have expressed in me over the past six years.

Dolf Harmsen