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This volume of the Journal of the Entomological Society of Ontario marks many transitions, and the beginnings of some new directions. This volume of JESO was co-edited by Yves Prévost, outgoing editor, and myself. I sincerely thank Yves for all the work he has put in as JESO Editor over the last few years and also for helping me to learn how to guide manuscripts through the review process and eventually to publication. I would have been pleased to thank Yves a year ago had I written the Editor's message for the previous volume – but my appreciation of his work and effort has grown all the more for having experienced the job at first hand.

I also wish to thank JESO's Editorial Board, some of whom are new to the job, and some of whom are old hands: Andy Bennett, Neil Carter, Dolf Harmsen, Yves Mauffette, and Jeff Skevington. Their scientific understanding and editorial skills ensure the scientific quality of our Journal and have helped me enormously as I learn this new job. Our new Technical Editor, Amy Rutgers-Kelly, has the job of transforming the manuscripts into final, print-ready format.

This brings me to another set of transitions, and to my major goals as Editor of the Journal. I believe that electronic publishing is critical to the survival of the Journal. Volume 136 marks our transition to completely electronic submission and manuscript processing. This is an important shift in the production of the Journal and is the first step in the transition to electronic publication. For the first time, authors of papers in the current volume will receive a pdf version of their papers so that they may distribute them electronically. The next step will be electronic publication of the Journal, in addition to paper publication. When we have achieved this goal, then JESO will become available to a much wider entomological audience than is currently possible with paper distribution only. However, in order for our authors' work to reach the audience it deserves, we also need to be listed by electronic journal listings services. In this age of electronic database searches, articles can be overlooked if their journals are not listed (the JESO Editor herself has failed to find articles published before her time in JESO!). In order to be included in these listings, JESO must commit to a regular publication schedule. To do this we intend to first close the gap between volume year and actual publication year; this should be accomplished by 2007.

Finally, it is my pleasure to introduce the contents of V136, which cover the entomological gamut from taxonomy to ecology to applied entomology, each study focusing on a different order - from wasps and bees, to flies, thrips, beetles, moths, aphids, and even mites. I hope that the scientific quality of these papers and their readability will encourage all our readers to consider submission for publication in future issues of JESO.

Happy reading!

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Editor