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This is my first volume as Editor of the Journal of the Entomological Society of Ontario. It is my great pleasure to take over the reins from John Huber. I would like to take this opportunity to thank John for his years of service to JESO, and for all his helpful advice over the past year as I have settled into the position.

It is quite a daunting task to take on the editorship of JESO at this period in its history. As most readers of this journal are aware, the fate of this publication has been up in the air over the past few years. Changes in the publication landscape in the recent past have resulted in an explosion of journals, and there has never been more choice available to authors as to where they can submit their work. This has had the rather unpleasant side effect of contributing to the reduction in the number of papers that are submitted to JESO. So where in that vast landscape of publication choices does this leave a small outpost like JESO? That is a question I hope to be able to answer during my tenure.

It is clear that if JESO is to survive it must adapt. We are fortunate that some of this work has begun and that we have a society and an executive that is supportive of further adaptations of JESO. We are also fortunate that there is a strong foundation of almost 150 years of publication upon which we can build. Under John's leadership, JESO has also begun some of the renovations necessary to bring us into the modern era, notably the adoption of an online-only publication and the archiving of the back catalogue with the Biodiversity Heritage Library. My task is to continue this work. My intent for 2016 is to complete the second stage of renovations to JESO by bringing us to an integrated submission and publication system that will allow our authors to submit papers using a modern web interface and allow our editorial team to more quickly review, edit, and publish your work. With the move to the online publication system, I also plan to begin the task of amalgamating JESO's back catalogue with the existing online offerings from the past few years. The long-term goal is that within the next five years the entire back catalogue of JESO will be online, searchable and indexed and available at one location.

My hope is that through this process we can raise the profile of JESO to the point that it becomes a first-choice for many authors. However, at the same time I am a realist. JESO will never challenge the large journals of the two major North American entomological societies. But that is okay. We can, though, become a journal of choice for regional contributions, particularly for works of taxonomy and systematics, and applied entomology, which have been traditional strengths for JESO. I also see JESO as a place where natural history about insects and arthropods can find a welcoming home. Moreover, I think JESO can serve as a home for those authors that have a passion for entomology,

even if entomology may not be their profession. These are potential authors who may never think of submitting to academic journals but still have important stories to tell. JESO may never win the war of the impact factors, but we can be a place where good work will find a welcome home.

So I end with what may be called the editor's plea: Send us your submissions! JESO has survived because of the support of its readers. I'm willing to bet that each of you has at least one paper that is looking for a welcome home but languishes at the back of your file cabinet (be it digital or physical). This is the kind of support that JESO needs as we begin to adapt to the new reality. During this period we also ask that you liken us to your favourite local establishment: We may be under new management and the sign out front says 'Under Renovations' but we still want your business and are no less dedicated to your satisfaction. Please stick with us while we go through this process. It will be worth it. Whereas in previous years publications were made annually and undesirably after the NSERC application cycle, articles can now be posted online instantly upon acceptance. This is a major benefit to graduate students in particular who wish to submit their work for publication prior to applying for scholarships. The other major benefit is that we are now an online open access publication, and do not penalize authors for submitting large numbers of pages or images. Consider us as you contemplate on where to submit those lengthy taxonomic revisions.

Before I go, I would like to end with a thank you to the associate editors of JESO and the reviewers who gave their time to help us with this issue. I would also like to thank Neil Carter for his service to JESO over the years and welcome Jocelyn Smith as a new associate editor. Technical editing of JESO is done by Tom Onuferko. Together these folks have helped put together the following 54 pages. I hope you enjoy reading them. Submissions for volume 147 are now being accepted and can be sent to JESOEitor@gmail.com.

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