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EDITORIAL

PLEASE PAY YOUR SUBS NOW - THANKS.

Now is the time for me to thank all the members of B.C.G. who have worked so hard to provide copy for the Newsletter over my four years as Editor, for I have decided to resign this year. New ideas, approaches and fresh enthusiasm by my replacement should see the Newsletter off into a new era; hopefully B.C.G. too. Many thanks also to Derek Whiteley for great assistance with getting the issues out and for helping to generate many of the articles.

There is a strong feeling on the B.C.G. Committee that the Group should put together a strategy for future developments and policy. It is felt by many that, after more than ten years in existence, now is the time to sit up and say "Where do we go from here?" What aims and policies do you think that the B.C.G. should pursue during the next decade?

If anyone fancies a spell on the Committee, then use the nomination forms in this issue. Last year there was actually an election through over-subscribing of places; but don't let this discourage you. Surely it is a healthy sign for the Group that members want to be involved. If you don't get on Committee then the next best thing is to get involved by contributing regularly to the Newsletter!

Finally, if everyone who owes articles gets them written by the end of April it will make my replacement's job much easier to start with! I won't mention names, but here are a few clues: British Museum (Nat. Hist.) charges for enquiries; Marine zoology journals; Egg thefts; Book reviews (come on, even if you got a boring one you must have read it by now); also a couple of featured institutions! I'm sure there are also others whose names I have momentarily forgotten!

Thanks again for all the help.

Steve Garland.