

Information for authors

Beginning with this issue, articles published in the *Herpetological Bulletin* will be grouped under a slightly different series of category headings. All shorter-length articles that include a research component and would previously have been grouped under 'Notes and Comments' or 'Short Notes', will henceforth be included within the main 'Research Articles' section; examples of material suitable for inclusion in this expanded category are faunal surveys, ecological and behavioural studies, analyses of morphological variation, and significant geographic range extensions. A new section has also been introduced, 'Collections Forum', for articles and news items relating to major zoological and museum collections (submissions invited!). The full list of category headings, and order in which they appear, is as follows:

Editorial; Obituaries; Collections Forum; Husbandry and Propagation; Veterinary View; Research Articles; Natural History Notes; Book Reviews.

The Herpetological Journal - on-line

The British Herpetological Society is preparing an online subscription for Institutions, Overseas and Full UK members, to be launched fully for 2007. From January 2007, the *Herpetological Journal* will be available as an online publication through our provider, Ingenta. Initially, only the *Herpetological Journal* will be available online; the *Herpetological Bulletin* will remain in hardcopy and be delivered via surface mail. It is planned to include the *Bulletin* in the online subscription by 2008/9. In brief, the advantages to members will be faster access to publications as they are released, access to all available back-copies, and cheaper subscription. Papers will of course be available as downloads, providing all the benefits that electronic access to documents brings, such as keyword searching, filing, etc. The Society will benefit from greater exposure of its content, including abstracts of all papers to non-members, and reduced printing and posting costs. In order for subscribing BHS members to test and check access to the services provided by Ingenta,

all issues of the *Herpetological Journal* published during 2006 will be available online. Volume 15, No. 4 and Volume 16, No. 1 are available now. All BHS members (full inland, overseas and institutions) are invited to try this service to ensure error-free access. Please note you will need your membership number to gain access to online publications.

The normal postal subscription will remain in place for members wishing to continue to receive hardcopy publications. However, subscription rates are set to rise in 2007 to cover the ever-increasing postal and printing charges. The new pricing structure will be advertised in the coming months in preparation for 2007.

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Trevor Rose, BHS Secretary

British Herpetological Society 2007 AGM

The 2007 Annual General Meeting of the British Herpetological Society will be held on 31st March 2007 at the Natural History Museum, London. Following the official business of the Society, there will be a number of events including lectures and a photographic competition – full details of the programme will be published nearer the time in the *Bulletin* and *Natterjack*. Numbers will be limited, and members wishing to attend will need to register in advance. To register, please contact Peter Stafford, preferably by e-mail (herpbulletin@thebhs.org; other contact details available on inside back cover of this issue) by February 28th 2007 giving your name (including any other family member where this is applicable), BHS membership number, and a contact e-mail address. It will unfortunately not be possible to admit any person who arrives on the day without having registered beforehand. *Ed.*