

EDITORIALS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NON-PEER REVIEW SECTION

RECENT CHANGES AT HERPETOLOGICAL CONSERVATION AND BIOLOGY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Your Board of Directors held a Teleconference 12 February 2016 to review operations and production of *Herpetological Conservation and Biology*. We continue to receive many manuscripts and strive to obtain timely anonymous peer reviews. Yet the processing of manuscripts is time demanding, especially copy editing and formatting by our volunteers. These demands have led to some needed changes, including:

Special Features Editor:

Stan E. Trauth remains as Editor but now with **Malcolm L. McCallum** doing copy editing and formatting of special features (and not on regular issues).

New Associate Editors

We have been trying to recruit more editors outside of North America or of senior status. Thus, we are happy to announce the acceptance by three distinguished herpetologists to serve as new Associate Editors:

★ **Nikolai L. Orlov**, Senior Research Scientist, Department of Herpetology, Russian Academy of Sciences. Dr. Orlov has conducted research across the Palearctic and Oriental Asia regions, and published extensively on their herpetofaunas. Web Page: <http://www.zin.ru/labs/herplab/orlov.html>

★ **Hartwell H. Welsh, Jr.** Research Wildlife Biologist (retired), U.S. Forest Service, Arcata, California. He has conducted research on amphibians and reptiles throughout western North America and northern Mexico. Dr. Welsh is the author of a wide variety of quantitative studies on herpetofauna. Web page: <http://www.fs.fed.us/psw/programs/cb/staff/hwelsh/>

★ **Nelson Jorge da Silva**, Professor Titular, Departamento de Biologica, Pontificia Universidade Católica de Goiás, Brasil. Dr. Jorge da Silva has studied reptile ecology and systematics in South America for many years with a focus on coral snakes. Web link:

https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Nelson_Silva8

Departure of Associate Editor and a Founder of HCB

★ **Brian E. Smith**, Associate Professor, Department of Biology, Black Hills State University, South Dakota. Brian has stepped down as Associate Editor. Many may not realize that he was an earlier promoter of HCB over a decade ago and contributed greatly to the foundation of HCB upon which the journal was built and flourished. Brian has relentlessly served HCB from the outset and we wish him well on his new endeavors.

New Editors for Chelonian Section

★ **Raymond A. Saumure** and **Andrew D. Walde** needed to step down as Co-Editors due to other obligations. We express our appreciation for their long contributions to HCB. The Board of Directors has, however, been fortunate to have recruited two new Co-Editors:

★ **David A. Galbraith**, Head of Science, Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

David has had a long interest in turtles, including his Ph.D. on Wood Turtles at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

★ **J. Daren Riedle**, Ecologist, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, Pratt, Kansas, USA.

Daren has studied ecology of many chelonians from Desert Tortoises to Alligator Snapping Turtles. Earlier, he worked for the Arizona Game and Fish Dept. as well as being an Assistant Professor in Missouri.

The Board will be working with Drs. Galbraith and Riedle to handle manuscripts in the near future. Please join us in welcoming these talented scientists on board.