

EDITORIALS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NON-PEER REVIEW SECTION

RECENT EDITOR CHANGES AT HERPETOLOGICAL CONSERVATION AND BIOLOGY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors held a teleconference in August 2016 to review production of *Herpetological Conservation and Biology*. We continue to receive many manuscripts and we need to obtain timely anonymous peer reviews followed by copy editing and formatting of accepted manuscripts. Thus, some changes are afoot.

PRODUCTION MANAGER

An important advance was made for critical production of *Herpetological Conservation and Biology*. We are happy to announce the appointment of:

Howard Clark, Senior Scientist, Colibri Ecological Consulting LLC, Fresno, California. Howard is a certified Wildlife Biologist with 20 y of professional experience. Of particular note, Howard is the Layout Editor for *Western Wildlife*, a new online journal produced by the Western Section of The Wildlife Society.

NEW ASSOCIATE EDITORS

We have been actively recruiting editors with expertise outside of the USA. Thus, we are happy to recruit two herpetologists to serve as new Associate Editors:

Kristiina Ovaska, Habitat Acquisition Trust and Biolinx Environmental Research Ltd, British Columbia, Canada. Kristiina has a M.Sc. from Acadia University, Nova Scotia, and a Ph.D. from University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. After completing two post-doctoral studies (McGill University and University of British Columbia), she has worked as a consultant and independent researcher focusing on the conservation of amphibians, reptiles, slugs, snails, and other often overlooked life forms. She has also conducted field research in the neotropics.

Jeffrey D. Camper, Professor of Biology, Department of Biology, Francis Marion University, Florence, South Carolina, USA. He has extensive expertise in southeastern USA, including author of *Reptiles of South Carolina* (in press). Also, he conducts field research in Costa Rica, Ecuador, and Mexico.

CHANGES IN EDITORS: CHELONIAN SECTION

David A. Galbraith needed to withdraw from the Chelonian Section Co-Editor position for personal reasons. As a result, the Chelonian Section was reorganized and expanded to further distribute the growing work load.

Raymond A. Saumure, Director of WildFauna Incorporated, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA assumed the new role of Managing Editor, Chelonian Section. In this new position, Raymond will recruit and train new editors; as well as, provide guidance and oversight to the four Chelonian Section Co-Editors recruited in 2016.

Ken Nussear, Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, Nevada, USA and owner of Southwest Ecology LLC, Fernley, NV, USA was promoted from Associate Editor to the Chelonian Section Co-Editor responsible for all tortoise manuscripts.

Will Selman, Assistant Professor of Biology, Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi, USA was promoted from Associate Editor to the Chelonian Section Co-Editor responsible for all North American freshwater turtle manuscripts.

J. Daren Riedle, Wildlife Diversity Coordinator for the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism in Pratt, Kansas is an existing Chelonian Section Co-Editor. Daren will now handle all international

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freshwater turtle manuscript submissions.

Amanda Southwood Williard stepped down as Sea Turtle Section Editor after several years of outstanding leadership. Amanda recommended her replacement and your Board of Directors agreed. Thus, please welcome our new Chelonian Section Co-Editor for sea turtles:

Erin E. Seney, Assistant Research Scientist, Marine Turtle Research Group, Department of Biology University of Central Florida, USA. Erin requested that two Assistant Editors be promoted to Associate Editors and the Board of Directors agreed unanimously:

Jesse Senko, Post-doc studying Human Dimensions at Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, USA.

Nathan F. Putman, Research Associate at the National Research Council.