

EDITORIALS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NON-PEER REVIEW SECTION

New Developments in Processing Manuscripts at HERPETOLOGICAL CONSERVATION AND BIOLOGY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors (BoD) of *Herpetological Conservation and Biology* (HCB) held a teleconference on 13 October 2017 to review journal production and staffing needs. We receive many manuscripts each year and strive to produce timely reviews. In recent years, we are producing as many pages per year as any other herpetological journal.

New Eyes on Manuscripts

Due to the number of submissions in 2017, Section Editors will take a harder look at submitted manuscripts, with an eye towards rejection of marginal or otherwise unacceptable topics. Some manuscripts do not reflect our mission and goals. For example, modeling studies are no longer suitable, unless they include a major field component.

We are adjusting processing of manuscripts, which resulted in a relatively small third issue. Editing and processing of manuscripts is time demanding, especially copy editing and formatting.

Special Publications

We have stopped accepting potential monographs because of a lack of production capacity. We need to develop a separate new team for processing these lengthy contributions. The BoD is investigating computer programs for formatting papers. We will report any new arrangements later.

New Editors

We are a volunteer organization (not a commercial press); thus, we need a large group of editors to share reviews, processing, and producing of our journal. To bolster our group, we wish to introduce several new appointments.

Amphibian Section Co-Editors:



SARAH KUPFERBERG (on left), Independent Consultant, Berkeley, California, USA. She earned her B.S. at Duke University in North Carolina (Botany) and a Ph.D. at the University of California, Berkeley, USA. Her interests include food web ecology, amphibian population biology, and conservation of aquatic ecosystems in California. She continues long-term studies as a Visiting Scholar, University of California at Berkeley. (Photographed by Alessandro Catenazzi).



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University, Pennsylvania, USA. He received his M.S. at the University of Tokyo, Japan, and a Ph.D. from the University of Memphis, Tennessee, USA. He has broad interests in amphibian conservation issues, with special focus on Hellbenders (*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis*) and Giant Salamanders. (*Andrias japonicus*). (Photographed by Yuki Taguchi).

Snake Section Co-Editor:



MICHAEL J. DRESLIK (above) is the Coordinator of the Urban Biotic Assessment Program for the Illinois Natural History Survey, Urbana Campaign, USA. Mike started there as Field Ecologist in 2005. He holds adjunct status at the University of Louisiana-Monroe and the University of Illinois, Urbana Campaign. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, Urbana Campaign and an M.Sc. and B.Sc. at Eastern Illinois University. Mike studies the ecology of Eastern Massasauga rattlesnakes (*Sistrurus c. catenatus*), river turtles, and fungal diseases in snakes and amphibians. (Photographed by Jennifer Mui).

Associate Editors:

ROSS ALFORD is an Emeritus Professor of Tropical Ecology at the Centre for Tropical Biodiversity and Climate Change at James Cook University, Townsville, Australia. Ross is broadly interested in ecology, animal behavior, conservation biology, and evolution of frogs and their larvae, especially in tropics.

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ANNE G. STENGLE is on the faculty of the Department of Science, Engineering, and Math at Holyoke Community College, Massachusetts, USA. She earned a Ph.D. and B.S. from the University of Massachusetts, and an A.S. in Veterinary Technology from Holyoke Community College, Massachusetts. Her studies have included work with snakes, turtles, and anurans.