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HERPETOLOGICAL CONSERVATION AND BIOLOGY: MILESTONES

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With this second issue of Volume 4 of *Herpetological Conservation and Biology*, we have accomplished a few more milestones. First, as of this issue, we are growing from two to three issues per year. Our continued success is the direct result of your acceptance, submissions, and participation – authors, editors, reviewers, and readers alike. For this, we thank you.

The world is changing. I cannot remember the last time I received a reprint request by “snail mail.” Instead, they arrive by e-mail now. These days, most of our colleagues want virtually instantaneous access to a PDF rather than a hard copy reprint. Today, I could easily carry my entire reference library of 3,000+ research papers on a flash drive in my pocket. I have begun to wonder about the office space consumed by my two filing cabinets of reprints. Still, I like having the hard copies...if only for nostalgic reasons.

Similarly, many of you have asked about obtaining hard copies of *Herpetological Conservation and Biology*. Unfortunately, it just is not possible at this time. Our journal is a non-profit endeavor, and when I say “non-profit,” I mean it in the truest sense of the word. We charge no fees for publishing or subscribing, but no funds are accepted either. The Governing Board has addressed production of hard copies, but the topic is still under discussion.

This brings us to our second milestone. Through the generosity of our sponsor, the Las Vegas Springs Preserve, we have produced 20 archival hard copies of *Herpetological Conservation and Biology*. These library-quality bound copies were printed on 100% post-

consumer recycled acid-free paper and deposited in academic and museum libraries in the United States, Canada, England, and France (Table 1). Furthermore, members of the Governing Board received a copy for their personal libraries.

Third, the success of the journal has prompted more of you to submit manuscripts for consideration; as of this issue, we have published 100 articles. We expect submissions to continue to rise steadily. In 2008 alone, the Instructions for Authors were downloaded over 900 times! As a result of the growing number of submissions, we have had to reorganize the operations of the Editorial Staff. As of Volume 4, we now have Section Editors for amphibians, chelonians, and all other reptiles. Manuscripts that do not fit well into these three sections continue to be sent directly to the Managing Editor. Thus, each of these Editors now handles about one quarter of the manuscripts submitted.

As submissions continue to rise, we can envision new sections being created along taxonomic lines. With growth and success come opportunities. Thus, we welcome 12 new members to the Editorial Class of 2009.

Assistant Editors

Daren Riedle, Will Selman, and David Steen

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As we have demonstrated, *Herpetological Conservation and Biology* continues to evolve to meet *your* needs: a *gratis* professional peer-reviewed journal produced in a timely fashion.

Table 1. Names and countries of 20 academic and museum libraries that have been sent archival-quality copies of *Herpetological Conservation and Biology*.

Academic Institution	Country	Museum/Library Institution	Country
McGill University	Canada	Canadian Museum of Nature	Canada
University of Guelph	Canada	Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle	France
University of Toronto	Canada	American Museum of Natural History	USA
University of Cambridge	England	Chicago Field Museum	USA
University of Oxford	England	Las Vegas Springs Preserve Library	USA
Cornell University	USA	Library of Congress	USA
Harvard University	USA	New York Public Library	USA
Michigan State University	USA	Smithsonian Natural History Museum	USA
Pennsylvania State University	USA		
University of California, Berkeley	USA		
University of Florida	USA		
University of Wisconsin, Madison	USA		