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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

It has been over a year since Vol. 2, No. 4 of *Zoological Bibliography*. This has been a very busy period for Aves Press so that necessary investigation of all aspects of e-journal publication were not completed on schedule. But this long delay is also because articles submitted to *Zoological Bibliography* were few and originally amounted to too few pages for a conventional issue of 40 pages or more. Recently that changed, but it had become clear that it was not yet possible to move forward exactly as we had hoped and had previously stated. We had hoped to ask for a subscription for each volume. However, our plans to establish a registration window on our website have been put on hold because subscriptions to e-journals are subject to VAT and under European Union regulations accounting for such VAT is complicated enough to cause problems.

Alternatives are therefore being considered and meanwhile at least some of volume 3 will be available by download, article by article, from the website of Aves Press Limited. We expect a solution to be in place soon, and we may begin seeking subscriptions for part or all of volume 3 when that is the case. Certainly we expect Volume 4 to be published on the basis of subscription income. It will be a great help to us if the widest possible distribution takes place for our issues and Aves Press ask that all those who download, or otherwise receive PDFs, register for **Newsletters** on the Aves Press website so that when the future arrangement is known everyone can be told exactly what will happen with the rest of volume 3 and with Volume 4.

Anyway this is now an e-journal only and it retains the online ISSN, while discontinuing the printed version and the ISSN for that. However, the journal is registered with ZooBank so that authors may now submit papers which include the publication of new names for which a ZooBank LSID will be obtained and included in the article. When, eventually, ZooBank is capable of recording nomenclatural acts the same will apply.

Volume 3 will contain a minimum of 160 pages and articles in this and future volumes of *Zoological Bibliography* will be numbered, each technically being an issue. These may appear singly or in groups. Each article, which will carry its own date of publication, has been conceived and is presented as intended to become available on an Open Access basis six months after publication. For those parts of volume 3 that are being made available free of charge the issues will be able to be downloaded individually without a six month delay. Editorial notes, reviews and pages of notices will always be available when first published and will bear small Roman numerals. A volume cover and list of contents will be published when each volume is completed.

With this Introduction comes the first of several issues being ready almost simultaneously. In these the page numbering of each article follows that of the preceding one (although as each article will start on a recto page, i.e. with an odd-numbered page, there may be a blank verso page at the end of PDFs of articles that end on an odd-numbered page).

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