

Editorial

Science communication

Communication of research results may take many different forms. Some are modern in expression and content, while others definitely are more traditional. Traditional ways of communicating science does not mean that they are unsuitable in a modern research society, however. Printed articles in journals and newspapers and conferences and symposia are flourishing as never before and although many of these also have online versions, there is little doubt that many of us prefer to read text on paper instead of screen - not the least when sitting at the microscope with descriptions and identification keys. Moreover, certain research results must be either printed on paper or deposited in at least five publicly accessible libraries to be valid in the scientific community.

This is the case for nomenclatorial changes in zoology as governed by the current [International Code of Zoological Nomenclature \(1999\)](#). This issue of the *CHIRONOMUS Newsletter on Chironomidae Research* will be the first in a number of years that is actually printed in a limited number of copies and sent to selected public science libraries in Europe and North America (see previous page). We will also send a copy to *Zoological Record*. This will allow us to publish descriptions of new species as well as nomenclatorial changes and we hope that you will consider *Current Research* in *CHIRONOMUS Newsletter* as a future venue for publication of your taxonomic research.

This issue of the newsletter contains multiple additional examples of how science communication is performed in our community. We have reports from two recent meetings, current research articles and ongoing taxonomic discussions in our *Short Communications* section. The *Current Bibliography* that has been maintained by Odwin Hoffrichter for so many years, and is a valuable source of information on chironomid literature, unfortunately is not contained in this issue. We are currently discussing ways of maintaining this resource for the future, preferably in an online database, but a final solution is not yet ready.

In the meantime, revival of the tradition of circulating reprints, perhaps by email attachment to reduce the cost, would ensure that references to papers published, particularly in journals 'obscure' outside the country of publication, would not be omitted and citations missed.

We hope that you enjoy this issue of the *CHIRONOMUS Newsletter* and look forward to see your contributions for the 2012 issue.

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