

## Pisum Genetics Association Notes

The Pisum Genetics Association (PGA) is a non-profit, unincorporated organization established to foster genetic study of the pea, to facilitate the exchange of information and to ensure preservation of valuable genetic stocks. The journal, **Pisum Genetics**, is the principal means of meeting these aims. Published annually in one issue, **Pisum Genetics** contains reports of research findings and other information of interest to researchers studying the genus *Pisum*.

### Membership and Dues

Membership in the PGA is open to all interested persons and organizations. Dues are US \$15.00 per annum. These dues are used to help defray the costs of publishing and mailing *Pisum Genetics*. Members are requested to send checks or back drafts in US currency only. Such efforts avoid bank charges, which can exceed \$10.00 per check in some currencies. Please make checks payable to **Pisum Genetics Association** and send to Dr. N.F. Weeden, Department of Plant Sciences and Plant Pathology, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT 59717 USA. **Pisum Genetics** will be sent upon receipt of dues.

### Submission of Manuscripts

All members of the PGA are welcome to submit manuscripts on topics appropriate for *Pisum Genetics*. In general, a mailing will be sent out to the membership in June of each year calling for manuscript to be submitted for consideration for publication. The deadline for such submittals is usually September 1 of the year of publication, allowing for sufficient time for review and revision of manuscripts. We believe **Pisum Genetics** is an excellent medium for publication of articles on pea. The journal provides opportunities for both refereed and non-refereed manuscripts, publication is within 3 to 6 months of submittal, there are no page charges, and a web-based version is available (thanks to Dr. Serge Rozov and the wonders of modern electronics) shortly after publication of the hard copy. Hence, your research findings become available to a worldwide audience within months of submission and without a significant impact on your research budget.

### Format of Manuscripts

Manuscripts will continue to be accepted and processed in two formats, research papers and brief communications. Manuscripts submitted as research papers will be subjected to peer review and revision or rejection if not of the quality expected for *Pisum Genetics*. Research papers should be written concisely, with a short introduction presenting the purpose for the study, a materials and methods section with essential details and references to techniques, a results section and discussion section interpreting the results and integrating findings with those of other workers. Section headings are not obligatory. Length should be kept under five journal pages, but longer papers will be considered on their merits. Such research papers must be treated similarly to submissions to other refereed journals in that they should contain original work not currently submitted to any other journal.

### Brief Communications

Brief communications are to encourage a rapid sharing of new results that may not meet the standards of a research paper (i.e. allelism tests not completed, map locations only approximate, experiments lacking an appropriate control). Brief communications will not be subjected to peer review, although the editor reserves the right to screen papers for appropriateness and to review submissions for clarity and brevity. Such submissions will be limited to approximately one page and should be narrowly focused. Otherwise, the format of brief communications (tables, references, etc.) should correspond to that of a research paper. Publication of a brief communication in **Pisum Genetics** should not preclude publication of a full paper on the same subject in a later issue or in another journal.

**Editor's Notes**

When submitting an electronic copy of a manuscript, please use Microsoft Word when possible. Other formats can be handled, but these will usually be converted to Word for processing. It is also helpful if authors avoid the use of extra formatting in their submissions (headers, sections, automatic indentation) as these generally have to be eliminated when preparing the manuscript for final printing. Tables created in Word using the table function are most likely to survive the formatting process intact. We have severe limitations on support staff, and the removal of interfering formatting can occasionally be quite time-consuming.

**Note of Appreciation**

The PGA greatly appreciates the donation of \$500 from the North American Pulse Improvement Association authorized at their meeting in Fargo. This association (formerly the NPIA) has been a staunch supporter of the PGA for many years. The PGA would also like to thank Stig Blixt for a contribution of \$42.00 in U.S. currency that he found in his desk. Thanks to the efforts of Dr. Serge Rozov and the generosity of the Institute of Cytology and Genetics in Novosibirsk, Volumes 29 through 34 of Pisum Genetics can be found on the Web at <http://hermes.bionet.nsc.ru/pg/>

**Financial Report**

The financial report for the period October 1, 2001 to September 30, 2002 is presented below. The Pisum Genetics Association continues to be on sound financial footing. All funds have now been transferred from Hobart, Tasmania. The negative 'cash on hand' value for September 30, 2002, is due to the Chair discovering, when he went over accounts in November, that he had not been fully reimbursed for the mailing of Volume 33 in January. The large net balance for the PGA and the relatively consistent printing cost suggests that unless postage rates increase significantly in the next year or so, annual dues could be adjusted downward in 2004 or beyond. The Coordinating Committee will be surveyed for suggestions about annual dues, but members are also welcome to submit comments either to the Chair or a member of the Coordinating Committee.

**Account balances as of October 1, 2001**

Account balance (savings and time deposit)	6642.07	
Cash on hand	378.31	
Total assets		7020.38

**Income**

Subscriptions	1297.00	
Sale of back issues	45.00	
Donations (NAPIA and Stig Blixt)	542.00	
Bank interest	310.40	
Total income		2194.40

<b>Transfer of remaining funds from Hobart, Tasmania</b>	250.00	250.00
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**Expenditures**

Printing costs	(724.38)	
Mailing expenses	(461.28)	
Total expenditures		(1185.66)

**Account balances as of September 30, 2002**

Account balance (savings and time deposit)	8279.12	
Cash on hand		(130.66)

<b>Net balance for Pisum Genetics Association</b>		<b>8148.46</b>
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