

## 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 bank 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.

All members of the PGA are welcome to submit manuscripts on topics appropriate for **Pisum Genetics**. The deadline for such submittals is usually September 1 of the year of publication, allowing for sufficient time for review and revision of manuscripts. **Pisum Genetics** is an excellent medium for publication of articles on pea and related genera. 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, articles are indexed in BIOSIS, and a web-based version is available shortly after publication of the hard copy (<http://hermes.bionet.nsc.ru/pg/>). Hence, your research findings become available to a worldwide audience within months of submission and without a significant impact on your research budget.

### Submission of Manuscripts

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. Graphics reproduce best at 300 dpi.

### 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. In most cases some revision is required, and in the last five years, approximately 10% of the submitted manuscripts have been rejected for not meeting the standards of **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** does not preclude publication of a full paper on the same subject in a later issue or in another journal.
- Member News**
- Two good friends have left the Pisum Genetics Association within the last year or so, and we would like to take this opportunity to wish them well in their future endeavors. Paul Moser, a pea and bean breeder and pathologist and long time member of the PGA retired last year and will be sorely missed. Fortunately Roxanne Mainz is returning to pea breeding for Novartis and has been reinstated as a member of the PGA. The PGA will also miss Dr. Nik Grünwald, who left the USDA at Prosser, WA for another position. During his relatively short stay in Prosser, Nik identified pea germplasm from Afghanistan as being an especially good source of resistance to Fusarium root rot. The Coordinating Committee would also like to welcome several members who have recently joined the PGA, including Steven Antonius of Del Monte Corporation, Aleksandar Mikic and Dr. Vojislav Mihailovic of the Forage Crops Department in Serbia and Montenegro and Dr. Brian Waters of McMurry University in Abilene, TX.
- Note of Appreciation**
- Thanks to Dr. Serge Rosov and staff at the Institute of Cytology and Genetics in Novosibirsk, Russia for their efforts in making **Pisum Genetics** (volumes 29-36) available on the internet (<http://hermes.bionet.nsc.ru/pg/>). Thanks also to the referees of manuscripts submitted to this volume of **Pisum Genetics**. Cathy Weeden prepared the final page layout and worked with the printers to ensure a quality product.
- Financial Report**
- The financial report of the period October 1, 2003-September 30, 2004 is presented below. Income balanced expense this last year, and the Pisum Genetics Association continues to an adequate buffer of funds to cover expected expenses for the coming year. Membership has remained stable, with some notable retirements and new additions mentioned above. Printing and mailing expenses have also remained relatively constant. As receipts from dues and interest are covering the costs involved in producing **Pisum Genetics** and getting it to the membership, the Editor is recommending that the annual dues remain at their current level for the next three years.

**Account balances as of October 1, 2003**

Account balance (savings and time deposit)	8079.59	
Cash on hand	28.06	
Total assets		8107.65

**Income**

Subscriptions	780.00	
Sale of back issues	15.00	
Bank interest (savings and certificate of deposits)	93.00 (approx.)	
Total income		880.00

**Expenditures**

Printing costs	(472.20)	
Mailing expenses	(289.10)	
Supplies	(102.55)	
Total expenditures		(863.85)

**Account balances as of September 30, 2004**

Account balance (savings and time deposit)	8003.05	
Cash on hand	120.75	

**Net balance for Pisum Genetics Association****8123.80**

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