

MICOLOGIA APLICADA INTERNATIONAL

WHERE WE STAND

Globalization has sped the virtuous cycle of science to technology and technology to science. Basic and applied science generate knowledge that is indistinguishable. The subtle difference is that pure science emphasizes understanding, while applied science also emphasizes possible social interest. Thus, both basic and applied science may be used by technology to satisfy practical social needs. Mycology, indeed, has epitomized this virtuous cycle.

NEW NAME

Our new name, represents a merger that we hope will benefit everyone. We expect it to mean more articles and more readers than either *The International Journal of Mushroom Sciences* or *Micologia Neotropical Aplicada* would have had. More articles means the reader gets more, and more readers means authors get their work to more people and places. More readers also means that the journal will have better finances and in turn we can keep our prices lower.

As our new name implies, we now plan to cover all areas of applied mycology; not just the tropics, not just mushrooms. Applied research on an arctic *Phycomycete* will be very acceptable. As Professor Esser suggests in the invited keynote paper, papers on genetics and collection of genetic materials are always welcome. Other papers in this issue suggest other areas of interest: ethnomycology and teaching mycology.

ACCURACY

As editors, we always want papers to be in the best possible English and to be formatted in a consistent manner for easy reading. As scientists, we want papers to deliver facts. While nothing can be absolutely certain, everything in each paper should be believed to be true, by author, reviewer and editor. Of course, some facts depend on circumstance or conditions, so one needs to understand what was done, but that does not alter that they are facts.

Generally, those measures of accuracy are easily compatible with each other. Yet there is sometimes a need to favor one over the other. Your editors are first, scientists, so when conflict occurs, we must choose fact over English accuracy and consistent format. When you find more than one or two errors in the composition of any paper we publish, be certain you read carefully; the reason will probably be given.

PROCEEDINGS

As with many scientific journals we will occasionally publish proceedings of meetings. It is the general custom that papers presented at a meeting are published as a group, the papers are not subject to the usual referee review. We follow that custom, but unless fact gets in the way, we do edit for good English and for format. In this issue we have included a proceedings; papers presented at a special teaching session of the Mycological Society of America.

The Editors