

ISRAEL - "Best wishes on your retirement from IJA as Managing Editor. On another note, this is to let you know that the U.S. postal photo stamps prepared by you arrived here safely. They look WONDERFUL. It is good to know that one does not have to win the Nobel Prize in order to be (no less than) immortalized by the USA postal service! Great job well done. Also, your words about leaving the 'helm' of IJA filled me with some sorrow. Despite what you wrote about continuing to keep an eye on the Journal, without your drive and enthusiasm it will not be the same. Being a retiree myself, I am well aware of the fact that a time comes (especially after a very busy and satisfying life) when one feels the need for some rest. Nevertheless, I am sure that we shall all miss your 'touch' at IJA." - Uri Gerson (*gerson@agri.huji.ac.il*)

ITALY - "You have to be proud of what you have done and you are going to do with your journal and enterprise for serving Acarology. The passage from the 'old IJA' to the new one seems to offer further advantages to researchers. Please accept my thanks for all your past, present and future efforts." - Enrico de Lillo (*delillo@agr.uniba.it*)

SOUTH AFRICA - "I have always been impressed with your fast response on my papers in IJA. Thanks for your 34 years of dedication to acarology and for seeing that IJA will be taken good care of in your lifetime. The International Journal of Acarology started a year before my career took off as an acarologist. Thus, I was part of IJA's progress most of the way and glad that I am still part of it. The IJA will always be remembered as the cradle of the African Acarology Association, and your encouragement in the formation of AAA will never be forgotten." - Eddie Ueckermann (*ueckermanne@arc.agric.za*)

USA - "Congratulations and thank you very much for all of your hard work and wonderful dedication to acarology and acarologists! This is a remarkable achievement - by you - and for all acarology. We now have a great opportunity to advance acarology throughout the world with the help of the Taylor & Francis Company. I look forward to continuing on the board of IJA and to assisting in the advancement of this journal throughout the world." - James W. Amrine, Jr. (*jamrine@wvu.edu*)

"I am still active at age 85. I continue to be amazed at your energy in turning out the great product that the IJA is - and you deserve all of the accolades you get for maintaining the high quality of the journal. I wish you the best in your retirement from Managing Editor of IJA." - David R. Cook (*watermites2@live.com*)

"I am not surprised that you are letting Taylor & Francis Company take over the publication of IJA. You and your dedicated wife Indira are to be commended for your years of publishing IJA. I am glad that you are not completely turning everything over to Taylor & Francis. Thanks again for all you two have done for the field of acarology." - Harold A. Denmark (*denmarkh@bellsouth.net*)

"Thanks for all of your hard work throughout the decades as founder and editor of the IJA. You have really made a difference in the history of acarology. Best wishes." - Gregory A. Evans (*gregory.a.evans@aphis.usda.gov*)

"I fully support your decision regarding the move of the IJA to Taylor & Francis Company, which must have been a very difficult decision for you. You have seen the birth and growth of IJA and you are now sending her to a new home. As T & F has a solid marketing infrastructure, and with their manpower and knowhow, I am sure that IJA will flourish even more. This is my 21st consecutive year with the Society of Systematic Biologists, which produces a top-notch journal, Systematic Biology (formerly, Systematic Zoology), and I know that its publishing sector has recently been moved to T & F. Like IJA, it was originally a quarterly journal, but with T & F, Systematic Biology is now being published 6 times a year without any degradation in quality. It is also good to hear that those old IJA volumes are archived electronically, and that they support the founder's noble idea of supporting acarology in all its aspects. It has been my great honor to share time with you and your journal, and I will continue serving the acarology community through T & F. One concern I have from my side is the future of Indira Publishing House. I frankly regret very much to see that a (relatively young) family-supported company failed to grow into a large, global-scale publisher. I just hope that, if possible, IPH may be sustained (by you or, if not, by someone else), since it was one of the very few channels for us to publish large volumes dedicated to acarology." - Cheol-Min Kim (*cheol-min.kim@uconn.edu*)

"I am upset to learn of your stepping down as Managing Editor of IJA and the action of turning it over to a large publishing house. The 'personal touch' will almost certainly disappear. Under your leadership, IJA has come a long way to become an outstanding and respected journal, and I have enjoyed working closely with you over the years. On the other hand, I can appreciate your desire to say 'enough,' in order to give you and Indira time to do some of the things you have not had time for, such as extensive travel. I wouldn't have guessed that you are 68! I hope that the subscription price stays the same under the new publishers. The price of individual subscription for Experimental and Applied Acarology is ridiculous, and for years it has been much higher than I will pay." - James A. McMurtry (*jmcmurtry@chamberscable.com*)

"You have indeed carried the ball for developing the science of acarology for so long. My sincere thanks to you and Indira for your countless hours of hard work. You both deserve a well-earned rest." - Thomas M. Perring (*thomas.perring@ucr.edu*)

"I received IJA vol. 34, no. 2. It is wonderful and I enjoyed the stamps published in vol. 34, no. 1. IJA is frankly the finest and most impressive acarological journal ever published. I admire what you have done in acarology and the effort you have expended to publish IJA. I once subscribed to [journal name removed for propriety] but stopped about 12 years ago when I discovered IJA." - Bill Phillis (*drhexapod@aol.com*)