

FOREWORD

I am pleased to usher in the 23rd volume of *Insect Science and Its Application*. This first issue of Volume 23 is a special issue on acarology, containing articles first presented at the Second African Acarology Symposium held in 2001. All the articles have been peer reviewed by independent international authorities appointed by ISA, and revised according to the journal's policy.

Insect Science and Its Application promotes the occasional publication of special issues in topical areas, and we invite you to contact us if you would like to produce a special issue of ISA from high quality papers presented at international workshops/symposia.

With this volume, we are pleased to announce the entry into the editorial advisory board of Dr Julio Bernal, Entomologist with the Biological Control Laboratory of Texas A&M University. Julio has a background in biological control, insect ecology and population ecology, and was recently involved as Organiser and Chair of a successful symposium on 'Insect-resistant Transgenic Maize Cultivars for Mesoamerica', at the Entomological Society of America Southwestern Branch Annual Meeting of 2002. We look forward to drawing on his experience in manuscript review, policy setting and international outreach.

Many of you may have noticed that Dr Clifford Gold, currently based in Uganda with the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), joined the team of Associate Editors in mid-2002. Cliff's areas of specialisation are integrated pest management, and cultural and biological control. He has served as a reviewer and author for ISA for many years.

I am also pleased to report that the journal has now caught up with its publication schedule. In this regard, I wish to acknowledge the efforts of the journal's editorial and production teams, which have made this possible.



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