

PREFACE

The Pisum Genetics Association (PGA) is a non-profit, unincorporated organization established to facilitate the exchange of information and to ensure the preservation of valuable genetic stocks. The number of PGA members now stands at 187.

Membership

Membership in the PGA is open to all interested persons. Dues are \$3.00 annually (U.S. currency) and are used to help defray the costs of publishing the PNL. Members are encouraged to pay dues for two or more years to simplify bookkeeping. Please make prime bankers checks or money orders payable to Pisum Genetics Association and send to G. A. Marx, Department of Seed and Vegetable Sciences, New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva, NY 14456, USA. The PNL will be sent upon receipt of dues.

Progress

PNL Volume 14 represents another step forward in our effort to provide a better product. The volume was composed entirely by computer. We are indebted to Mrs. Porterfield for keyboarding the articles and to Mrs. Van Kirk for attending to the multitude of organizational details. Our computer director, Dr. John Barnard, also deserves to be singled out for special praise. He has made it possible for us to put the computer to a variety of uses, including computing linkage estimates. He and his associates have been a key to our progress.

Financial Aid

Once again the National Pea Improvement Association presented us with a generous financial gift of \$500 for two years. As in the past, this money has been donated to the department in partial recompense for supplies and services.

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Two important projects are underway. The group at Weibullsholm Plant Breeding Institute has accepted responsibility for preparing an updated bibliography of literature pertaining to pea genetics, cytogenetics, and breeding. Publication of the bibliography is scheduled for PNL 15. Equally encouraging is our progress toward developing a cross-referenced index to the PNL. This was made possible because our colleague, Ms. Charlotte Pratt, has volunteered her services. Before retiring last year, Ms. Pratt served as the indexer for the American Society for Horticultural Science. We are most grateful to her for giving of her time and talent in our behalf. A cumulative index covering Volumes 1 through 14 is planned for next year, in PNL 15.

