

## 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 Pisum Newsletter (PNL) is the principal means of meeting these aims. Published annually, the PNL contains reports of research findings and other developments relating to genetic variation in Pisum. The number of PGA members now stands at 180.

*Membership*

Membership in the PGA is open to all interested persons. Dues are \$15.00 for two years (U.S. currency) and are used to help defray the costs of publishing the PNL (see announcement of dues change below). Members are encouraged to pay dues for two or more years to simplify bookkeeping. Please make prime bankers' checks or international money orders payable to PISUM GENETICS ASSOCIATION and send to G. A. Marx, Department of Horticultural Sciences, New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva, NY 14456 USA. The PNL will be sent upon receipt of dues.

*Fiscal Facts*

On several occasions in recent years I have called attention to the deteriorating financial condition of the PGA. A generous gift from the Del Monte Corporation in 1985, sustained support from the NPIA, and an increase in dues have enabled us to survive to this point. Despite these timely and significant infusions of support, fiscal plight remains. In fact, until a few days prior to submitting this issue of the PNL to the printer, the financial condition of the PGA was desperate. Accordingly, a subcommittee (S. Blixt, I. C. Murfet, and G. A. Marx) decided to raise the dues from \$5/year to \$8/year (\$15 for 2 years). However, that action by itself in no way solves our problem. We have a projected shortfall of nearly \$1000 when the expenses related to the present volume are met. Financial collapse is inevitable unless we can find major sources of support.

While immersed in the depths of despair, struggling to find a solution to our problem, we were informed that Del Monte Corporation would make another very substantial contribution of \$1,000, thus alleviating our immediate problem. This largess was arranged through the good offices of L. G. Cruger, a benefactor of long standing. Nevertheless, we are compelled to press forward with the increase in dues.

*Policy Change*

Our present policy stipulates that PNL articles may not be cited unless prior approval is obtained from the author(s). This policy has now been changed. Authors who submit articles in 1988 (Vol. 20) and thereafter are asked to specify at the time

of submission if they do not wish to have their articles cited. When published, such papers will be identified by some suitable means so that the reader will know if the article should not be cited. A reminder of this change will appear in our annual Call for Papers letter.

*Acknowledgments*

For typing the entire text of this volume in her usual exacting manner, we are again indebted to Mrs. Frances Van Kirk. Occasionally, as many as three drafts are required before the editor ceases making changes and approves the final version. She also handles all financial transactions and business correspondence. We are grateful that she willingly performs, all these vital services while officially retired.

We also wish to recognize and acknowledge the professional services provided by staff members in the Publications Department: Elaine Gotham (art and composition), Bruce Moore (printer), and John Truini (photographer).

*Vielen Dank*

Special thanks are extended to Dr. I. C. Murfet for reviewing and re-editing the entire volume. He found and corrected numerous errors prior to printing, thus benefitting us all.

*Preview*

A list of pea genes with descriptions last appeared in PNL 10, 1978. Since then a substantial number of new mutants and biochemical variants have been isolated, described, and named. It is our intention to publish an updated list of genes and descriptors next year in PNL Vol. 20.

The financial report for the period 4/1/86-3/31/87:

	Balance, 4/1/86		\$ 903.46
	Income		
	Dues collected	\$1047.00	
	Total		950.46
	Expenditures		
	Postage	507.47	
	Publishing	441.68	
	Bookkeeping	142.00	
	Typing	737.00	
	Bank charges	<u>41.98</u>	
	Total	1870.13	
	Balance, 3/31/87		80.33

*Financial Report*

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for the Coordinating Committee  
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