

Pisum Genetics Association Notes

The Pisum Genetics Association (PGA) is a non-profit, unincorporated organization established to foster genetic study of the pea, to facilitate the exchange of information and to ensure preservation of valuable genetic stocks. The journal, *Pisum Genetics*, is the principal means of meeting these aims. Published annually in one issue, *Pisum Genetics* contains reports of research findings and other information of interest to researchers studying the genus *Pisum*. Starting with Volume 34, articles published in *Pisum Genetics* will be indexed in BIOSIS.

Membership and Dues

Membership in the PGA is open to all interested persons and organizations. Dues are US \$15.00 per annum. These dues are used to help defray the costs of publishing and mailing *Pisum Genetics*. Members are requested to send checks or bank drafts in US currency only. Such efforts avoid bank charges, which can exceed \$10.00 per check in some currencies. Please make checks payable to Pisum Genetics Association and send to Dr. N.F. Weeden, Department of Plant Sciences and Plant Pathology, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT 59717 USA. *Pisum Genetics* will be sent upon receipt of dues.

All members of the PGA are welcome to submit manuscripts on topics appropriate for *Pisum Genetics*. The deadline for such submittals is usually September 1 of the year of publication, allowing for sufficient time for review and revision of manuscripts. *Pisum Genetics* is an excellent medium for publication of articles on pea and related genera. The journal provides opportunities for both refereed and non-refereed manuscripts, publication is within 3 to 6 months of submittal, there are no page charges, and a web-based version is available (thanks to Dr. Serge Rozov, see below) shortly after publication of the hard copy. Hence, your research findings become available to a worldwide audience within months of submission and without a significant impact on your research budget.

Submission of Manuscripts

When submitting an electronic copy of a manuscript, please use Microsoft Word when possible. Other formats can be handled, but these will usually be converted to Word for processing. It is also helpful if authors avoid the use of extra formatting in their submissions (headers, sections, automatic indentation) as these generally have to be eliminated when preparing the manuscript for final printing. Tables created in Word using the table function are most likely to survive the formatting process intact. We have severe limitations on support staff, and the removal of interfering formatting can occasionally be quite time-consuming. Graphics reproduce best at 300 dpi.

Format of Manuscripts

Manuscripts will continue to be accepted and processed in two formats, research papers and brief communications. Manuscripts submitted as research papers will be subjected to peer review and revision or rejection if not of the quality expected for *Pisum Genetics*. Research papers should be written concisely, with a short introduction presenting the purpose for the study, a materials and methods section with essential details and references to techniques, a results section and discussion section interpreting the results and integrating findings with those of other workers. Section headings are not obligatory. Length should be kept under five journal pages, but longer papers will be considered on their merits. Such research papers must be treated similarly to submissions to other refereed journals in that they should contain original work not currently submitted to any other journal.

Brief communications are to encourage a rapid sharing of new results that may not meet the standards of a research paper (i.e. allelism tests not completed, map locations only approximate, experiments lacking an appropriate control). Brief communications will not be subjected to peer review, although the editor reserves the right to screen papers for appropriateness and to review submissions for clarity and brevity. Such submissions will be limited to approximately one page and should be narrowly focused. Otherwise, the format of brief communications (tables, references, etc.) should correspond to that of a research paper. Publication of a brief communication in *Pisum Genetics* does not preclude publication of a full paper on the same subject in a later issue or in another journal.

Brief
Communications

As has been the case for volumes 29 through 34 of *Pisum Genetics*, an electronic copy of Volume 35 will be found at <http://hermes.bionet.nsc.ru/pg/> thanks to the efforts of Dr. Serge Rosov and staff at the Institute of Cytology and Genetics in Novosibirsk, Russia. The editor also wishes to extend his thanks to the individuals who served as referees for manuscripts submitted to this volume of *Pisum Genetics*. The referees returned reviews promptly with constructive suggestions to the authors. Cathy Weeden prepared the final page layout and worked with the printers to ensure a quality product.

Note of
Appreciation

The financial report for the period October 1, 2002 to September .30, 2003 is presented below. The *Pisum Genetics* Association remains on sound financial footing. The relatively low income from subscriptions is due to the Editor not sending out a mailing in June requesting payment of annual dues and calling for submission of manuscripts. Instead, the annual dues request accompanies the mailing of Volume 35. As there were sufficient funds in the account to cover the printing and mailing costs of Volume 35, the Editor felt sending the annual dues request with the journal would be more efficient, but the Editor is open to suggestions regarding this change. A survey of the Coordinating Committee and other members indicated satisfaction with the \$15.00 per year annual dues, and a change does not appear to be necessary in the near future. Printing costs dropped significantly for Volume 34 as a result in a change of printing firms, and mailing costs dropped slightly due to the use of bulk mailing to some locations. Although income for subscriptions should be higher this coming year, interest income will be lower because the time deposit earning 5.9% will mature in January 2004. Current interest rates are much lower.

Financial Report

Account balances as of October 1, 2002

Account balance (savings and time deposit)	8279.12	
Cash on hand	(130.66)	
Total assets		8148.46

Income

Subscriptions	225.00	
Sale of back issues	15.00	
Bank interest (includes time deposit interest thru Jan. 12, 2004)	617.45	
Total income		857.45

Expenditures

Printing costs	(498.75)	
Mailing expenses	(383.04)	
Supplies	(16.47)	
Total expenditures		(898.26)

Account balances as of September 30, 2003

Account balance (savings and time deposit)	8079.59	
Cash on hand	28.06	

Net balance for Pisum Genetics Association

8107.65

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