

NEWSLETTER-INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL ECOLOGY, INC.

This is the first of a continuing series of newsletters intended to establish effective communication within the membership outside of the national meeting and other group activities. The purpose of this newsletter is twofold. Firstly, it will serve to bring the charter members of the International Society of Chemical Ecology, Inc. (ISCE) up to date on the progress we have made since you received your formal announcement of the formation of our Society. Secondly, it will serve as the final reminder to those of you who desired to join the ISCE but failed to respond to our initial announcement with your application and the first year's dues.

Our mailings of the Announcement you received resulted in over 350 enrolled members representing 40 different states and 28 foreign countries. We are particularly pleased with the large number of members from countries outside of the United States since this is an international organization. Many disciplines are represented and I believe this to be of critical importance to the success of our Society. We have been formally incorporated in the State of Kentucky and we are now working actively through efforts directed by Dr. Eloy Rodriguez to obtain a tax-free status from the Internal Revenue Service. We have every expectation that our petition will be favorably reviewed and that the IRS will make it retroactive to the summer of 1983 so that your first year's dues will be tax deductible.

Election of officers for the first year will be held in conjunction with the business meeting which is part of the first national meeting. The Executive Committee decided to present a slate of candidates for your consideration during our meetings in Austin. In all future years, these elections will be held by mail ballot so that everyone can participate in the election process. John Simeone will be providing the essential information on this point in the mailing planned for mid-spring of 1984.

We have completed work on a tentative constitution for the Society and this has been approved by our legal advisor. A copy of this document will be sent to you by Dr. Jean Langenheim in the mid-spring mailing. Adoption of a final constitution will be one of the important activities in our business meeting this summer.

The first national meeting of the International Society of Chemical Ecology will be held in Austin, Texas starting on Sunday, June 10, 1984 and ending on Wednesday, June 13, 1984. The Executive Committee in conjunction with the Organizing Committee at Austin, under the chairmanship of Dr. Larry Gilbert, have decided to hold the meeting at this time so that those interested in attending can travel on Saturday, June 9th to Austin. Travel so as to spend Saturday night at your destination is essential for eligibility for "Super Saver" airfare rates. Sunday will be the first official meeting day with both scientific and Society business being conducted on this day. It is very important that our members attend the Business Meeting on Sunday since these activities will shape and determine the nature of our Society in the forthcoming years.

The future success of ISCE will depend most particularly on the ability of the Society to meet the professional needs and expectations of its members. It is imperative that we learn more about the kinds of services and functions that you want and expect from the ISCE. Most assuredly, each of us had specific expectations and hopes in mind when we elected to join our Society. We need to know exactly what these were so that we can organize effectively in Austin to meet these goals. The Executive Committee asks you to take the time to relate to

us in writing what you would like to obtain and gain from the Society and what services and functions you expect us to provide. Once this information is in hand, we can organize appropriate working groups or committees in Austin to meet these needs. We cannot organize to meet needs for which we are unaware - it's as simple as that! Lincoln Brower of the Executive Committee has agreed to organize these materials so that we can move effectively in fulfilling these needs. Please write directly to him with your ideas and suggestions: Dr. Lincoln Brower, Zoology Department, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611, U.S.A.

It is obvious from these many activities that your attendance at the first national meeting is truly important. We need to have the benefit of your ideas and suggestions at the meeting. Please plan to attend and to come on Saturday so that you can contribute meaningfully to these deliberations.

Lastly, this will be the final appeal to those of you who failed to submit your application and annual dues. If you are interested in joining with us, please do not fail to process the announcement sent to you earlier in the year. If it is gone, you need only send your name and full mailing address (BOLD LETTERS, please write clearly) and your dues (\$15 for non-student members, \$10 for student members) to the International Society of Chemical Ecology, Inc., 101 T.H. Morgan Building, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky 40506, U.S.A. For our foreign colleagues, please remember that your check must be issued on a bank in the U.S.A. or an International Money Order. Otherwise, it costs the ISCE more than the amount of the dues to collect your arrears.

We have recently heard from Plenum Publishing Corporation on the subscription rates for 1984 for the *Journal of Chemical Ecology*. Plenum has agreed to an annual rate of \$35 for members residing within the U. S. and \$42 for members residing outside the U.S. These figures compare to \$60 and \$72, respectively for the non-member rates. The membership rates represent a very significant cost savings and a major inducement for taking the *Journal of Chemical Ecology*. We hope that you will decide to subscribe to our journal commencing in 1984.

The ISCE has been asked to join with INTECOL, the International Association for Ecology which is part of the International Union of Biological Sciences. This will provide a mechanism for bringing ecology events on an international basis to the attention of our membership and to publicize our own efforts to this international community.