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Greetings, ICPS membership!

Quickly stated; after about 1.1 decades of editing Carnivorous Plant Newsletter (CPN) I am stepping down from duty. Serving as coeditor has been a fine experience, but it is time to move on. While retiring from my official duties, I am not leaving the ICPS entirely. I will be writing my own papers, and it is likely I may even help edit an occasional CPN paper.

What will happen to our beloved CPN upon my departure? I can only imagine that it will improve. For the past several months I have been helping to train a successor. I will let him introduce himself in our next issue. However, for now I will say that I am thrilled and absolutely confident to have him take the editorial controls of our fine journal.

As I leave, I must thank two very important people. The first is Dr. Jan Schlauer. Jan is an extraordinary scientist—passionate about his field, immutable in adhering to scientific truths, and a man of impeccable integrity. It has been an honor to work with him. Second, I extend a warm thanks to Steve Baker, who produced CPN's page design for approximately fifteen years; in doing so he served the ICPS longer than anyone else except the organization's original founders.

Also, importantly, I wish to thank every person who took the time out of their busy lives to submit articles to CPN over the last 11 years. These submissions have made our journal possible. The writers, and not the editors, create the journal, as it is impossible to edit an empty page! I am leaving CPN's new editorial staff with enough edited manuscripts for a few excellent issues of CPN in 2009, but it is your interesting submissions that keep the journal exciting.

It is bittersweet that I will not be in such constant communication with the extraordinarily great souls and minds that I have encountered in the course of my editorial work, but maintaining those connections will be a task that I will soon have more time to pursue—that, as well as my field research, photography, horticultural experiments, and all the other things that make carnivorous plants so overwhelmingly fascinating to me.

Cheers!

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