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Subscriptions to *Insectes Sociaux*

Beginning in 2008, Birkhauser will take over direct handling of all subscriptions from individuals.

With the new arrangement, Sections will no longer have any responsibilities for collecting subscriptions, handling money, negotiating complaints, etc. **Birkhauser will soon communicate directly with subscribers concerning renewals for 2008.**

Gratis subscriptions will continue to be provided to the Editorial Board as at present.

Birkhauser will supply the Secretary-General with names of subscribers, and I will then work with sections to collect the capitation fees.

Financial Update

Most sections do not support our proposal for page charges. Rather, sections prefer that the Union increase capitation fees to help relieve our debt.

The first issue of *Insectes Sociaux* for 2008 will include a fiscal report from the Secretary General.

New Capitation Fee Structure

For 2008, the Union will collect fees from Sections as follows:

<i>Regular Members</i>	\$10 US
<i>Student Members</i>	\$5 US

Please communicate this new fee structure to your members.

A list of your members is due to the Secretary-General by March 1, 2008. I will compare your list to the list of subscribers from Birkhauser and notify you of any discrepancies.

You will receive an invoice for capitation fees By April 1, 2008, and those fees are due by June 1, 2008. Late charges will be assessed thereafter, in accord with policies put into place last year.

On a personal note

I have greatly appreciated the support of President Koos Boomsma and Editor-in-Chief Johan Billen as we have worked to put our Union on firm financial ground.

Thanks also to the Sections who have responded so positively to my efforts to open up communication and fix long-standing problems!

Please send any suggestions, comments, or gripes to herbers.4@osu.edu