

To: All Investigators Working with Rotifers

Re: Initiation of Newsletter ("Rotifer News")

During the 18th Congress of the Societas Internationalis Limnologiae Theoreticae and Applicatae at Leningrad in August 1971 a number of scientists working with rotifers assembled informally and discussed their research interests. It was suggested at this time that a newsletter for rotifer investigators be established to facilitate interaction and exchange of information. I agreed to assume editorial responsibilities. I must now apologize for my delay.

I thought it would be appropriate for the first issue of the newsletter to contain the names, mailing addresses, and research activities of all those currently working with rotifers. Therefore, if your research involves rotifers in any way and if you would like to receive the newsletter, please fill out the enclosed questionnaire and return it to me via airmail. Several months from this date I shall send the first issue of the newsletter to all of those who have responded.

I am sure that I have failed to send this announcement to many who should be included. Therefore, please carefully examine the enclosed preliminary mailing list for any omissions. Please ask any such people with whom you are in frequent contact to send me the same information I am requesting from you. I am enclosing two extra forms to be used for this purpose. Please send me the names and complete mailing addresses of other people that you know I have omitted, and I will contact them immediately. In this way we can develop as complete a list as possible. Please continue these recruiting efforts in the future and be sure to include students working on their dissertations.

I propose that there be either one or two issues of the newsletter each year; I shall be guided by your comments on this matter. Also, I will value your suggestions for types of information and requests to include in the newsletter. It seems appropriate that as new investigators become added to our ranks their names, mailing addresses, and current research activities should be circulated. The major portion of each newsletter probably will be devoted to: a) news items and announcements; b) requests for information, suggestions, samples, and cultures, and, possibly, c) a recent bibliography.

Please send me a typewritten copy of any item you would like to have included in the newsletter. I am inclined to suggest that the newsletter be mostly or entirely in the English language, but I am perfectly willing to include items written in either French or German. My language limitations preclude the use of other languages. Again, I shall be guided by your response on this matter.

I am looking forward to hearing from all of you and preparing the first and subsequent issues of the "Rotifer News."

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Questionnaire for the Newsletter

"Rotifer News"

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- 1) Name:
- 2) Complete mailing address:
- 3) Current research relating to rotifers
(100 words or less):
- 4) Names of people to whom you have given questionnaires to send me:
- 5) Names and mailing addresses of other people whom I have omitted
from preliminary mailing list:

- 6) Should there be one or two issues of the newsletter each year?
- 7) Should the newsletter be entirely in English or should French and German be used also?
- 8) Suggestions for types of items to be included in the newsletter:
- 9) Should recent bibliographies of published articles dealing with rotifers be included in each issue? Or should we rely on reprint exchange and abstracting periodicals for awareness of recent publications?
- 10) Other suggestions regarding the newsletter:
- 11) Items you wish to have included in first issue of "Rotifer News":

- 12) Please be sure to place the editor of "Rotifer News" on your reprint mailing list. This will enable him to prepare recent bibliographies if this seems desirable.