

EDITORIAL

As new Editor of *Living World* I am conscious of the enormous effort the previous Editor, Dr. Victor Quesnel has put into the Journal in making it the success it has been over the years. He revived the journal in 1956 and was closely associated with the production of most of the issues published so far. There were other Editors of course, notably Richard ffrench and Peter Bacon, who kept the Journal going while maintaining high standards. The new Editor pledges to at least maintain the high standards set by previous Editors.

In this issue, we present a series of articles by Richard ffrench, one giving a brief history of ornithology in Trinidad and the others updating the status of certain bird species in Trinidad and Tobago. Ian Lambie and Vishnu Debie provided the data on bird counts for the years 1976 to 1981. Paul Comeau and C.C. Clubbe give an interesting account of savan-

na expansion following fires in the Aripo Savannas. An account on the food and feeding behaviour of the bat *Carollia perspicillata* is given by Victor Quesnel. Migratory patterns of butterflies are difficult to study, so we welcome the observations made by Dave Chadee on *Phoebis statira*. Matthew Cock continues with his series on the Hesperiidae butterflies. He describes a new species for Trinidad, *Clito trinidadensis*. He expects to complete the series of studies in our next issue and then begin a series of updates on these butterflies.

Our next issue, 1999 - 2000, might well be a special issue and it is hoped that we will have contributions from more members of the Club. Deadline for the next issue is December 1, 1998.

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THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

The Trinidad and Tobago Field Naturalists' Club was founded on 10th July 1891. Its name was incorporated by an Act of Parliament (Act No.17 of 1991). The objects of the Club are to bring together persons interested in the study of natural history, the diffusion of knowledge thereof and the conservation of nature.

Monthly lecture meetings are held at St. Mary's College, on the second Thursday of every month, while field

excursions are held on the last Sunday of every month except December.

Membership is open to all persons of at least fifteen years of age, who subscribe to the objects of the Club.

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