

Editor's comment

Dear Readers

Welcome to the first instalment of the Lathyrus Lathyrism Newsletter Vol.3. Thank you all for your support of the newsletter. There has been a hiatus in the publishing process, due to alterations in my employment, which should no longer delay future editions. I can still be contacted via CLIMA, University of Western Australia but am now employed at the Department of Agriculture, Western Australia. My old E-mail address will continue to reach me, although I also have a new one (see below). The next edition of the newsletter is due for late in 2004.

Thanks are again due to the Centre for Legumes in Mediterranean Agriculture (CLIMA) and the Third World Medical Research Foundation (TWMRF) for supporting the newsletter.

Any suggestions for improving the newsletter in the future are most welcome. Some small changes have been included in this edition of the newsletter. Photographs relevant to articles are particularly welcome, they add interest for readers and often a feel for what is occurring in areas other than those the reader is familiar with.

Please consider summarising your recent research for the newsletter as contributions from readers are imperative to maintaining the direction and momentum of the newsletter. Most research submissions should be approximately 1500 words and can include a small number of tables or figures. Introduction/Methods/Results and Discussion are the preferred layout for research summaries, although this can be altered as necessary. Abstracts are also welcome, if they have been published elsewhere then full acknowledgment will be made. Electronic copies are preferred, due to the reduction in typing needed, but this is not essential if you do not have access to word processing facilities.

The first article in this edition (Pages 2-4) is an interesting short biography of Dr Arthur Kessler, of interest to those aware of his contribution to victims of lathyrism inflicted in a World War II concentration camp.

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