

EDITOR BIOGRAPHIES

Biophilately is fortunate to have a group of Associate Editors who spend an immense amount of time and put forward a tremendous effort to keep the membership informed about new postal issues related to their individual topics. Their listings go far beyond what you might be able to find in other publications because they include not merely the source countries and issue dates, but also detailed identifications and taxonomic information about the subjects being portrayed.

Often when I read a periodical, I like to know a little bit about the authors and editors. So in order to inform you about your editors, and to recognize their contributions, I decided to include their biographical information in this and upcoming editions. We will start with two of the longest serving.

Donald P. Wright, Jr.

[Editor's note: Don Wright is our longest serving Associate Editor having begun as the Entomology New Issues Editor starting with Volume 21 in 1971, and as author of many articles in years prior to that. He is also a past President of the Biology Unit and has served as editor of this journal.]

Born in Greenwich, Connecticut on January 28, 1928, Don lived in Connecticut until moving to Pennington, New Jersey in 1961. Don graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1950, receiving a BA With Distinction in Zoology-Entomology. He was on the track, cross country, and chess teams there for three years.

Professionally, Don was employed for 39 years by American Cyanamid Company in Princeton, New Jersey (now Pfizer Company). He was Senior Research Entomologist and retired in 1991. He holds more than 100 U.S. and foreign patents and was the discoverer of 24 insecticides that were commercialized. He also was discoverer of a new chemical class of insecticides—the pyrolyl nitriles, such as Pirate ®. He was awarded the Scientific Achievement Award for distinguished research and received monetary prizes for outstanding scientific paper of the year twice and runner-up once.

Don introduced the concept, and coined the term antifeedants, for insect control. As a result, he was invited to give an antifeedant paper in Milan, Italy at the World Congress of Pest Control. Although not a member, he was invited by the American Chemical Society to give a 45-minute paper on antifeedants at a featured symposium at their annual meeting.

He was a member of the Entomological Society of America for 50 years until his retirement and was a founding member of the Insect Rearing Group of the ESA. He presented and published papers on insect rearing and properties of new insecticides.

Don served in the U.S. Army in France during the Korean War period with a Preventive Medicine Control Detachment doing insect and rodent control and surveys of insects of medical importance.

Active in the local nature center, he annually trains new interns on insect matters, field trip tips, insect zoo, and other related topics. He gives talks about insects in schools throughout his local area and has been invited by the New Jersey Science Teachers Association to give annual talks on using insects in the classroom.

Within the community, Don served as a Scout leader for 69 years in many positions locally and in the District and Council. He received the Eagle Award and many training and service awards.

An amateur radio operator since 1972, Don has been Instruction and Examination Director of the Delaware Valley Radio Association since 1984. He is a teacher for amateur radio license exams and a volunteer examiner giving FCC licensing exams eight times a year since 1985. The national amateur radio organization selected him as Instructor of the Year in 2003. He participates in County and State emergency and disaster communications and performs as a hazardous weather spotter reporting to the National Weather Service.

He is a member of the local unit of the Herb Society of America serving as Secretary-Treasurer the past twelve years and is active in maintaining the demonstration herb garden at the Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum.

He has been a member of company or church bowling team for past 59 years and has served as league Secretary, maintaining league and team averages, for 25 of those years.

The Scouts initiated working at the local dump to help residents sort recyclable materials into glass, cans, and paper in the 1970s. This eventually led to establishment of the Township Recycling Committee and Don was appointed one of the original Recycling Commissioners.

Don has been a member of the Pennington Presbyterian Church since his arrival in 1961, and has served as Sunday School teacher and Deacon and on many church committees. He has led the Senior Activities group for many years.

Regarding his stamp collecting involvement, Don has been Editor, Publisher, or Entomology Associate Editor for *Biophilately* for the past 56 years and has authored three ATA Handbooks: *Insects on Stamps of the World, Volumes I–III* with *Volume IV* due out in 2013. He served on the board of directors in various capacities for the Biology Unit for more than 50 years. He was the co-founder and president of the late Philatelic Lepidopterists Association, an international society of collectors of butterflies on stamps.

Don has been collecting stamps since he was six years old. He became interested from seeing stamps coming from his uncle on his sailing trip around the world. His collecting interests include insects, Iceland, Faroes, Greenland, and Åland. He has only exhibited once, but says he continually plans on doing so “sometime.”

Don has been married to Ellen for 55 years. They have sons in Tennessee, Wisconsin, and New Mexico, and four grown grandchildren.

Christopher E. Dahle

[*Editor's note: Chris Dahle has been Associate Editor for Botany New Issues starting with Volume 44 in 1995. He is also currently Secretary-Treasurer of the Biology Unit.*]

Chris was born in South Africa and moved to Southern Rhodesia when he was seven years old. He came to the U.S. for college, and graduated from Oberlin College, majoring in Biology. He received an MA in Botany from the University of Michigan. His first job out of graduate school was as a corn breeder for Pioneer HiBred International (now part of DuPont) and in this capacity he was sent to Brazil to establish a breeding program there. Returning to the U.S. after two years, he found work at the University of Iowa and spent 33 years working in medical research there before retiring two years ago.



It was his mother who started him collecting stamps when he was six or seven years old. She continued to encourage his collection for the rest of her life. Chris joined a stamp club in high school and then another one while in graduate school in Ann Arbor. In Cedar Rapids, he has been member of the stamp club since 1981, serving as president for three two-year terms and currently as the secretary. He has been Secretary of the Biology Unit since 1998, and Treasurer since 2010. He is also Treasurer of United Nations Philatelists, Inc., another ATA study unit. He started as Associate Editor for Botany New Issues in 1995.

Chris's topical collection is botanical, but he also collects South Africa, Rhodesia/Zimbabwe, Scandinavia, Canada, British Commonwealth, and UN. He has been exhibiting for a number of years, a traditional exhibit of Rhodesia and Nyasaland between 1954 and 1964, and two topical exhibits, one on Human Rights and the other on plant evolution. He is currently apprenticing to become an APS accredited philatelic judge.

Chris is a member of the APS, the ATA, the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, the Scandinavian Collectors Club, the Philatelic Society for Greater Southern Africa, and United Nations Philatelists, Inc.

He has been married to Alice, a retired speech-language pathologist, for nearly 40 years. They enjoy traveling, live music and theater, going to movies, and visiting museums. They are both active in the local chapter of the United Nations Association and the local Amnesty International group. Chris has published the newsletter for the UNA chapter for over 15 years, and recently was named President. They have one son, who works as an Emergency Room nurse, and one granddaughter.