

Publication and dating of the two “Bulletins” of the Société Entomologique de France (1873-1894)

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Abstract

The dating of the bi-monthly and quarterly versions of the *Bulletin de la Société Entomologique de France* from 1873–1894 is presented. The publication background and history of the little-known bi-monthly version of the *Bulletin* is given.

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Introduction

Since its inception in 1832, the Société Entomologique de France has published the *Annales* and *Bulletins* of the society. While the *Annales* series was the primary medium for publishing original research articles, the *Bulletins* contained the proceedings of each meeting including notices of publications received by the society, correspondence read, notes presented at the meetings, and various other society business. The *Bulletin de la Société Entomologique de France* was originally printed and issued with each issue of the *Annales*. It was paginated with Roman numerals to distinguish it from the Arabic-paginated *Annales*. From 1832 to 1894, the *Annales* and *Bulletin* appeared quarterly (with delays in publication, the last one or two quarterly issues sometimes appeared in print in the year following its intended publication).

In 1870, the society's Commission de Publication (Auguste Chevrolat, Paul Gervais, Henri Jekel, Louis Reiche, and Auguste Sallé) understood the utility of more frequent publication of the *Bulletin* series and proposed it be issued monthly. However, financial difficulties endured by France in the years immediately succeeding their defeat to the Germans in the Franco-Prussian war in 1871 forced the society to abandon the idea.