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NEWS

CWBM & COVID-19

Due to complications associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic, some contributors were not able to submit their paper/revision for the spring 2020 CWBM special issue on mesocarnivore conservation. For this reason, the special issue will be postponed to fall 2020. All submissions or revisions should be received before the end of August. This will allow our editorial office to have all manuscripts peer-reviewed and revised by the authors in time. We hope that you all stay safe and well, and we look forward to receiving your papers this summer.

of wildlife biologists and naturalists in Canada. The world of wildlife sciences is truly in mourning.

Gilbert Proulx
Editor, CWBM

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Francis R. Cook (1935–2020)

On January 3, 2020 the world of natural sciences lost one of its most dedicated scientists, Dr. Francis R. Cook. Francis was the Editor of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* from 1962 to 1966, and from 1981 to 2010. Renowned for his extensive knowledge of Canadian reptiles and amphibians, he was Curator of the Herpetology Section of the Canadian Museum of Nature from 1960 to 1991, and Curator Emeritus and Research Associate since 1994. Francis authored 16 books, book chapters, and monographs, and 47 scientific articles on herpetology. In 2018, Francis received the Order of Canada for his distinguished career.



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I knew Francis for nearly 40 years, as a contributor to *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*, and a regular referee of articles submitted for publication in this journal. Francis encouraged the publication of studies of natural history, life history and field ecology, and he played a significant role in the growth