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# Editor's notes

June 1995 was an interesting month for honeybee research in South Africa. For the first time, an international conference to address a specific research issue was convened and held without any of the participants actually meeting face to face. Instead, the Internet E-mail (electronic mail) facility was used to distribute participants' contributions and deliberations to the rest of the conference group. Not only was this vastly more cost-effective than a physical conference, but enabled the South African researchers to draw on the knowledge and experience of the international research community without undue disruption to busy schedules.

This document comprises transcripts of the communications sent to the electronic conference group by participants. Messages of an administrative nature have been removed from this record, but it is otherwise complete. Apart from the stripping of superfluous Internet header information and the italicising of taxonomic names, the contributions have not been edited at all.

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