
EDITORIAL PREFACE

A year ago from now, nobody anticipated that a change in the editor role of *Folia entomologica hungarica* would soon be necessary. The journal was in good and stable hands with Ottó Merkl's editorship for more than 15 years, then, from one tragic moment to another, those hands let go everything in this world.

In the last couple of years both of us assisted the publication process of *Folia entomologica hungarica* with Ottó Merkl's leadership. This gave us insight into his professional editorial work, his style and dedication; all of these provided us the chance and duty to carry on his legacy in the journal. Nevertheless, we also experienced how incredible amount of work he expended on the journal; therefore we agreed that this burden was too much for one person, and decided to partition the editorial duties between two editors and to extend the team working on the publication process. Balázs Tóth (Hungarian Natural History Museum) undertook the tasks of the scientific and linguistic reader, while Dávid Rédei (National Chung Hsing University, Taiwan) supports the journal as a scientific advisor. Their valuable, precise work greatly benefits the journal.

We also would like to announce an important development of the journal. From the current, 82nd volume on, *Folia entomologica hungarica* is published both in online and printed forms (ISSN 2786-2798 and ISSN 0373-9465, respectively). The accepted papers are published online (at folia.nhmus.hu) continuously throughout the year with individual publication dates and immediate open access availability to ensure rapid publication and easy dissemination, while the usual printed form is compiled at the end of the year for traditional archiving. Accepted papers including nomenclatural acts are registered in *ZooBank*, the Official Registry of Zoological Nomenclature (zoobank.org) and archived at *Zenodo* digital repository (zenodo.org) by the editors in order to comply with the requirements of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature. Any nomenclatural act published in the journal becomes valid immediately as the respective paper is published online.

We kindly encourage the regular and new authors to submit their works to *Folia entomologica hungarica*, and ask them to thoroughly study and carefully follow the updated *Instructions to authors* before manuscript submission to avoid unnecessary delay in the otherwise rapid publication process.

The past of *Folia entomologica hungarica* is rooted back to 1884, and we believe that with the achievement of the continuous online publication possibility, this journal successfully managed to set foot in the future as well.

Sincerely,
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