

EDITORIAL

The journal *Acta Zoologica Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae*, founded by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, has been an international forum for taxonomic and ecological papers since 1955. In the last 17 years Professor *Gábor Bakonyi* (Department of Zoology and Ecology, Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences) was the Editor-in-Chief. Professor Bakonyi is primarily an ecotoxicologist, but he has a deep understanding of zoology and ecology in general, and, during his time as the EiC also gathered great experience regarding general taxonomy. Professor Bakonyi resigned at the end of 2022 to allow others to bring in new ideas and fresh momentum, and to have more time for other, mainly family-related duties. We would like to thank for his incredible endurance, high quality work and devotion for this journal!

The first two volumes of the year 2023 contained papers that were still submitted during the chief editorship of Prof. Bakonyi. From the third volume of this year, all manuscripts are edited by two new EiC: *Barna Páll-Gergely* and *Attila Hettyey*. *Barna Páll-Gergely* (Department of Zoology, Plant Protection Institute, Centre for Agricultural Research) is a zootaxonomist and malacologist. From now on he is responsible for the taxonomic manuscripts submitted to the journal. *Attila Hettyey* (Department of Evolutionary Ecology, Plant Protection Institute, Centre for Agricultural Research) has worked in the fields of evolutionary ecology, behaviour, conservation biology and ecotoxicology. He will take care of the ecological manuscripts.

As the new EiC, we are about to implement some changes to accelerate the publishing process. First of all, we will widen the group of editors from the previously three section editors *Zoltán Korsós* (Department of Zoology, Hungarian Natural History Museum), *Csaba Csuzdi* (Department of Zoology, Eszterházy Károly Catholic University), *Gergely Szövényi* (Department of Systematic Zoology and Ecology, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest), who have done a tremendous job during the past years, but were at times overloaded by editorial duties. We will invite at least ten new section editors to help in overseeing and accelerating the review-process. *László Peregovits* will remain the technical editor, who has been handling manuscripts for 30 years and has done a great job.

Another, important change that will speed up the publication process is that from this year's third volume on, each manuscript, that has been copy-edited and corrected by the authors will be published online continuously and with final page numbers. Each paper will, thus, have a different date of online publication, and they will be bound together into a volume four times

a year in order to produce printed copies. Importantly, however, we will take care to register the taxonomic papers in ZooBank (<https://zoobank.org/>), and will include the proof for this registry (LSID codes) in the pdfs.

We are looking forward to receiving high quality manuscripts from the community of zootaxonomists and animal ecologists in the future!

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