

Editorial message

This issue is the first one from our new publisher, Blackwell Science. You will probably notice some minor changes in design and layout, but the scope of the journal has not been changed. However, we will in the future increase the emphasis on evolutionary implications of the morphological observations. We hope for a good collaboration with Blackwell Science, and we especially hope for an improved quality of the halftone illustrations. Blackwell Science encourages the submission of both text and illustrations in electronic form, and this should facilitate the whole production process.

Morphology is still one of the cornerstones for the understanding of evolution, and *Acta Zoologica* and the new Blackwell journal 'Development and Evolution' should supplement each other nicely in covering the

classical fields. It has been very encouraging to see that the impact factor of *Acta Zoologica* has been going up steadily during the last 5 years, so that the journal is now one of the leading in its field.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the success of the journal depends on you. Only if you submit your best papers on zoomorphology to *Acta Zoologica* can the journal keep or increase its high standard. We will do our best to give the manuscripts a competent and fast passage through the editorial process and the new publisher is keen on providing the best quality of printing.

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