

## Foreword

This is the 26th year of publication of the *International Journal of Tropical Insect Science* (IJT), which was founded in 1980 by the late Thomas R. Odhiambo, the former Director of the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) and Founder President of the African Association of Insect Scientists (AAIS) under the name *Insect Science and Its Application* (ISA). As most readers know, since 2004, ISA has become IJT with a new face but with the same basic ethos.

The journal continues to undergo changes to enhance its quality. As already mentioned in IJT's last issue in 2005, I am pleased to inform our readers and contributors that since the beginning of this year I have become IJT's new Editor-in-Chief, taking over from my predecessor and friend Hans R. Herren. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr Herren for his tremendous contributions to the journal. It will be a real challenge for me to follow in his footsteps. However, I can assure you that in close collaboration with AAIS I will do my best to continue to improve IJT's quality, with the aim of widening its author- and readership and geographical coverage.

Our ultimate goal is to nurture the journal to become *the* reference publication in tropical entomology, through continuous improvements of its scientific quality and a broadened geographical outreach. For this, we have recently appointed four eminent entomologists as IJT's Regional Editors, namely Prof. Ahmed Hassanali from ICIPE in Kenya for Africa, Prof. Junichi Yukawa from Kyushu University in Japan for Asia, Dr Cesar Cardona from CIAT in Colombia for the Americas and Prof. Robert Jackson from the University of Canterbury in New Zealand, for the Australia and Oceania region. In addition, the editorial board of IJT has undergone some major changes. While thanking the outgoing board members for their valuable contribution to the journal, we welcome the newcomers. We believe that this new structure will help the journal to achieve its objectives and goals and we look forward to continue publishing exciting research articles on tropical entomology.

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Editor-in-Chief