

Editor's note

Dear Reader,

Whether you have been in contact with *Annales de Limnologie – International Journal of Limnology* as a reader, author or reviewer, you will have undoubtedly noted the rapid and deep changes experienced by the journal over the past two years. Thanks to the support of our Publisher EDP Sciences, and now in association with Cambridge University Press, new impetus has been given to our publication. With both print and online versions of current papers and free access to our archives now available, authors can be assured of the broadest dissemination of their work. Following initial online availability of the journal in early 2009, the journal has registered visits from 171 countries, with downloads of 52 478 abstracts and 22 073 electronic papers. This increased access should allow the journal to build on its 45 year contribution to limnology and, indeed, substantially improve it.

Editorially, we have recognized the need to enhance the scope and depth of the expertise represented by the Associate Editors. More specifically, I intend to attract more manuscripts while increasing the speed and quality of the review process through relying on a group of young and dynamic researchers. I'm thus pleased to introduce our new Associate Editors: Dani Boix (Univ. Girona, Spain, zooplankton and wetland ecology), Robert Britton (Univ. Bournemouth, UK, fish ecology and conservation), Tomislav Karanovic (Univ. Hanyang, Republic of Korea, systematics and ecology of microcrustaceans), Young-Seuk Park (Univ. Kyung Hee, Republic of Korea, ecological modelling), and Frederico Falcão Salles (Univ. Federal Espírito Santo, Brazil, aquatic insect systematics). Moreover, authors, reviewers and editors now benefit from the electronic submission of papers, made available via the widely used Editorial Manager[®] system. This facilitates access to manuscripts by authors, reviewers and members of the Editorial Board at each stage of the process. After the online system was made available, we experienced a marked increase in the number of submissions.

Our acceptance rate is currently around 40% and among the rejected papers, approximately 25% are declined upon submission without external reviews. Thus, I am insisting on two basic prerequisites for manuscripts submitted to *Annales de Limnologie – International Journal of Limnology*. Firstly, they must be written in good English to ensure the most effective scientific communication. I acknowledge that non-native English speakers are faced with challenging language issues when preparing their papers¹, but having your work revised by a fluent English speaker will considerably increase your chances to have the paper reviewed and then get relevant feedback from the reviewers. Secondly, unless they explore a seldom investigated subject, purely descriptive papers and studies of local interest are not acceptable. Potentially acceptable papers should be based on explicitly stated questions and/or hypotheses, authors should analyze their data in a quantitative way with appropriate statistics, and replication in space and/or time should be sufficient to support the conclusions. Lastly, it is worth noting that *Annales de Limnologie – International Journal of Limnology* is one of the few Limnology journals that still welcome taxonomic papers. However, these papers should provide a substantial amount of new information, such as the revision of a genus or family, keys to the identification of several species and/or include biogeographic, phylogenetic, molecular, or any other type of quantitative information. In other words, descriptions of only one or two species are usually declined. At the onset of 2011, we still have several developments for *Annales de Limnologie – International Journal of Limnology* that aim to progressively increase the number of published papers and to increasingly publish thematic issues. Thanks to the commitment of our authors and reviewers, and the support of our readers, I'm confident that this journal will go from strength to strength in the future.

Best wishes for 2011, and thank you again for your repeated support.

Régis Céréghino
Editor-in-Chief

¹This note was proofread by Rob Britton.