

Editorial

Dear members of editorial board, referees, authors, and readers,

First, I greet you at the beginning of the year 2019 and wish you a steady health, a lot of happiness, and a great success in your professional life. Simultaneously, I would like to express many thanks for all the work done and attention paid to our journal in previous years.

I want to inform you that several substantial changes have happened in the life of the journal and also in the work of all the community participating in production of the journal since January 2019. A great advantage of those changes is that *Biologia Plantarum* has become a completely open access journal, which enables significant widening of published information. Simultaneously, it will be published only in electronic version. As in previous years, *Biologia Plantarum* publishes original scientific papers, brief communications, reviews on specialized topics, and book reviews concerning plant physiology, plant biochemistry and biophysics, physiological anatomy, ecophysiology, genetics, molecular biology, cell biology, evolution, and pathophysiology. All papers should contribute substantially to the current level of plant science and combine originality with a potential general interest. The journal focuses on model and crop plants as well as on under-investigated species. The aim of editorial policy remains the same. Each submitted paper will be evaluated by a member of the editorial board and two referees, and only papers fulfilling the above mentioned criteria will have been accepted. We try to speed up publishing articles maximally, therefore Volume 63 will not be divided into 4 issues, but papers will be published continuously from January to December without limitation of their numbers.

The journal is published by the Institute of Experimental Botany of the Czech Academy of Sciences as in previous years, but as it is the open access journal, the authors are obliged to pay a handling fee of 550 EUR per article. The journal is also not sold and distributed by Springer as before and cannot be subscribed. We started using a new electronic editorial system *Actavia*, which seems to be more advantageous than the previous one. I know, that using the new system is not easy for all of us, but I believe that everybody will quickly become familiar with it. All necessary information you can find on <https://bp.ueb.cas.cz>.

I hope that you will find all these changes as positive, and will support the journal *Biologia Plantarum* also in the future.

Best wishes
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