
EDITORIAL

This first issue of Volume 68 reflects several changes which have taken place to the *Journal of Helminthology*. Readers will notice that the cover has been redesigned and updated and that the journal now has a larger page size and two column format, so that more papers can be published and providing greater flexibility for tables and illustrations.

Another change includes the inauguration of an advisory editorial board comprising experts from many countries. It is intended to maintain the international coverage which has been built up, and I am gratified that in the last couple of years papers published have been from workers located in 43 different countries. The scope of papers will continue to cover the whole field of helminthology with particular emphasis on work of medical or veterinary importance. Taxonomic papers can be accepted if related to species belonging to economically important groups, particularly if based on biochemical or molecular biological techniques. A new departure is the inclusion of occasional review articles as in this issue; these will be either commissioned or can be submitted for the usual obligatory peer review.

Volume 68 is also the first to be published under the ownership of CAB INTERNATIONAL, an intergovernmental organization providing services worldwide to agriculture, forestry, human health and the conservation of natural resources. CABI is widely known as a producer of abstract journals in the parasitological field, including *Helminthological Abstracts*, *Protozoological Abstracts*, *Nematological Abstracts* and the *Tropical Diseases Bulletin*. Recently, CABI has greatly increased its output of textbooks and monographs in parasitology and related fields and is expanding its interest in primary journals. CABI has impressive publishing and marketing skills and, through its associated institutes, scientific expertise.

Every effort will be made to maintain and to improve the quality of papers published on all aspects of helminth parasites and to ensure speedy publication. I am also pleased to report that the journal will continue in its policy of having no page charges and the number of free offprints has been increased from 25 to 50.

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