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From the Editorial Office

Starting with the coming issues of the journal in 2017, we plan to make some significant changes, including Editorial Board members as well as publication policy.

Dr. Jer-Ming Hu resigned from the position of Editor-in-Chief and will serve as an associated editor. Drs. Chun-Neng Wang and Yu-Teh Kirk Lin will step down from Associate Editors. We would like to thank them for their great work and support to the journal during their term of services. Meanwhile, Dr. Chang-Fu Hsieh, one of our former Editor-in-Chief, will again join Dr. Kao as a second Editor-in-Chief. We would also like to welcome Drs. Lien-Siang Chou and Wen-Liang Chiou to join the team as the new Associate Editors. Dr. Chou is a distinguished ecologist from the Institute of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at National Taiwan University, working on animal behavior and also various ecological subjects. Dr. Chiou, a renowned plant taxonomist, formerly working at the Forestry Research Institute of Taiwan, is an expert in the taxonomy and phylogeny of ferns and fern allies. We believe that their joining the team will definitely enhance the quality and potential of our journal.

We would also like to introduce and welcome eight new members of the Editorial Board: Professor K. N. Ganeshaiyah from the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore; Dr. Mark Huges from the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh; Professor Yasuhiro Kubota from University of the Ryukyus; Professor Arun Pandey from the University of Delhi; Professor Hua Peng from Kunming Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences; Dr. Kitichate Sridith from the Prince of Songkla University, Thailand; Professor Hang Sun from Kunming Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Science; Dr. Jan-Frits Veldkamp from Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Leiden. They will help us to improve the quality and content of the journal, to further strengthen the journal impact and to attract much broader readership.

The total number of manuscripts received over the past year was around 100 from 11 countries. Out of all submissions, 40 articles have already been published, including 28 articles dealing with biodiversity. A total of 108 reviewers kindly reviewed the submitted manuscripts. The online submission system substantially reduces editorial processing and reviewing times, and shortens the overall publication time.

Over the past ten years, our articles were made free to be read and reused immediately upon publication on the journal website (<http://tai2.ntu.edu.tw/taiwania/index.php>). Since 2017, to cover the cost of printing, color photographs, overlength article and color reprints of an article in the print version, the payment of publication fee may be required from respective authors and their institutions. Information about our pricing and payment policy can be found on the main website in the near future.

Finally, we are grateful to our peer reviewers, editorial board members and editorial staff for volunteering their time in service to the journal, and look forward to continue to work with them. We would like to thank all of our authors for their excellent and high-quality research papers, without all of you, we would not be able to exist. We would like to encourage researchers to continue submitting their outstanding scientific papers to our journal. We also welcome any suggestions from readers, authors, reviewers, and the editorial board.

Jer-Ming Hu & Wen-Yuan Kao
Editor-in-Chief