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From the Editorial Office

This is the last issue of 2018 (issue 4) for the Taiwania Journal and concludes the 72nd year of publication. This issue is also a special issue commemorating the 90th anniversary of the National Taiwan University. We are happy to have the privilege of participating in the celebration of this occasion. We will do our best to face all challenges that the journal is likely to face over the coming years and put consistent efforts to ensure the quality and integrity of the articles published. To further improve the efficiency and mobility of our journal, the Taiwania will be published in partnership with the Biodiversity Association of Taiwan from 2019.

Taiwania has been selected for coverage in Clarivate Analytics Products and Services. Beginning with 2015, information on the contents of this publication has been indexed in: Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE), BIOSIS PREVIEWS & Zoological Record (in Web of Science); CAB Abstracts; Directory of Open Access Journal (DOAJ); Scopus and Ulrich's Periodical Directories.

The Taiwania has been particularly strong in the fields of plant systematics since its foundation by a group of taxonomists in 1947. We remain committed to further strengthening our publications in this field while increasing our coverage of other research areas of life sciences such as Ecology, Genetics, Molecular and Developmental Biology & Anatomy and Morphology.

In the past 19 years Taiwania has effectively disseminated so many interesting and original studies submitted from East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Africa and other regions. We would like to thank all of authors for contributing their excellent and high-quality research papers and encourage researchers to continue submitting their outstanding scientific papers to our journal. We welcome papers, especially from areas where much work is still to be done on the biodiversity.

The total number of manuscripts received during the past year was over 200 from 183 authors and 12 countries and districts. Out of all submissions, 49 articles have already been published: Biodiversity (34), Ecology, Evolutionary Biology and Animal Behavior (7), Cell Biology and Physiology (6), Anatomy and Morphology (1), Genetics, Molecular and Developmental Biology (1),. A total of 167 reviewers kindly reviewed the submitted manuscripts.

The Editorial Team of Taiwania is delighted to welcome new Associate Editors, Dr. Pei-Chun Liao from National Taiwan Normal University, Dr. Ming-Jou Wu, a former professor from National Dong Hwa University and Dr. Wen-Jer Wu, a professor emeritus from Institute of Entomology, National Taiwan University, to join the editorial team. Dr. Liao's research mainly focuses on population genetics, molecular evolution, phylogeography and molecular ecology. Dr. Ming-Jou Wu's main areas of expertise are plant systematics and palynology. Dr. Wen-Jer Wu specializes in plant protection, ecology and entomology.

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