



EDITORIAL

Launch of the Journal of Insect Biodiversity (JIB)

Editorial Team¹

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We are pleased to announce the launch of the Journal of Insect Biodiversity. The JIB is an international, peer-reviewed, open access scientific journal. It electronically publishes research articles, scientific notes and reviews on all aspects regarding insect biodiversity globally.

The journal is dedicated to publishing high quality novel scientific data on insect biodiversity. The core scope of journal includes descriptive taxonomy, nomenclature, systematics, morphology, insect diversity, biogeography, any novel discoveries on endemic, relict and endangered species, insect conservation, invasive insects, and basic bionomics of insects and their hosts.

The *Journal of Insect Biodiversity* has a distinguished scientific editorial team. At this initial stage, 52 scientists from 17 countries and various academic institutions in the area of insect science are involved in the editorial team to create this new journal. Of these, 18 Associate Editors share responsibility for the six sections: Insect Taxonomy & Systematics, Insect Morphology, Insect Conservation & Biogeography, Insect Diversity, Invasive Insects and Insect Bionomics, together with 25 members of the Scientific Advisory Editorial Board. In addition, 8 scientists will serve as editorial staff.

The peer review system is an essential process to ensure quality in scientific publishing. The JIB uses a single blind review system, with the reviewers remaining anonymous, while the identities of the authors are known to the reviewers. Two reviewers from the scientific community in insect science and one editor from the journal are typically involved in reviewing a manuscript. The managing editor is the primary contact and receives all submitted manuscripts, checks the suitability for the journal, and the requirements of editorial policy. After this initial phase, one of the associate editor or editorial board member responsible for the subject area evaluates the manuscript, organizes the review process and decides whether a manuscript is accepted or rejected. New taxa names in accepted papers will be registered in the *Official Register of Zoological Nomenclature* (ZooBank) accordingly to article 8.5.3. of ICZN before being published. All electronically published new taxonomic and nomenclatural acts will comply with the 2012 Amendment of the Articles 8, 9, 10, 21 and 78 ICZN.

One volume is published per year, and each paper will be numbered as a separate issue. After final acceptance, papers will be uploaded immediately to the journal page in pdf format and disseminated with an open access policy. The *Journal of Insect Biodiversity* is an open access journal and all content is freely available (www.insectbiodiversity.org) without charge to users. Users are allowed to read, download, copy, distribute, print, search, or link to full text of articles in this journal without asking prior permission from the publisher or the authors. However, commercial use of articles is not allowed. There will be no costs for article processing charged to authors for JIB.

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