



## **Editorial**

### **Folia Biologica et Oecologica**

Acta Universitatis Lodziensis. *Folia Biologica et Oecologica* was created in 2002 and exists thanks to the efforts and, above all, passion of scientists working at the Faculty of Biology and Environmental Protection of the University of Lodz. The scope of the interest of the journal belongs to one of the most promising and fast developing branches of knowledge – biology. The journal publishes peer-reviewed original research, critical reviews and short communications on full spectrum of biology and ecology including biochemistry, microbiology and biotechnology.

Receiving in 2019 funding within the program “Support of scientific journals” is a chance that the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education gave to our magazine enabling its further development and increasing a possibility to be noticed by international bibliometric databases. Scientists who publish their results in the field of exact and natural sciences, and in particular in the area of life sciences have a real impact on our reality and improve the quality of life of the society. Therefore, raising the profile of the *Folia Biologica et Oecologica* journal to the level of renowned Polish and foreign magazines may have a measurable impact on national and global scientific discourse. The journal *Folia Biologica et Oecologica* meets all the basic standards determining the quality of the magazine, i.e. transparent rules for reviewing articles before publication, regularity of publishing the magazine and the composition of the editorial board, which includes scientists from various domestic and foreign institutions, all articles published over the last several years comes from authors affiliated outside the University of Lodz, which shows that the magazine is nationwide. However, for the journal to enter the international scientific circulation and affect global science, we must implement a new development strategy with the offered support.

The main goal of the new development strategy of the journal will be to adapt the editorial processes and quality of articles published in the journal to high international publishing standards. The thematic scope of the content published in our journal must correspond to the issues raised by the international circle of researchers gathered around the scientific discipline to which the journal is dedicated for. So far the articles that have been accepted for publication were prepared in English and were widely available in the Open Access scheme. However, to think about internationalization, articles accepted for publication must be written in a colloquial language that encourages the reader to read and cite. Therefore, over the next two years, *Folia Biologica et Oecologica* will offer authors a free, professional proofreading in English of each accepted scientific paper.

Active promotion of content published in the journal is currently a standard in reputable journals. Therefore, in the coming year we will take the initiative to create profiles of our journal in social media (Facebook, Twitter), carry out mailing campaigns promoting the journal and mark our presence at scientific symposia. We hope that the opening of new communication channels will increase the journal's

visibility among the national and international research community, which will translate into increased citation of articles published in *Folia Biologica et Oecologica*. This will lead to further internalization of authors and reviewers and will have a positive impact on increasing the level of citations (SNIP index), which in future will allow the indexation of the journal in the largest international databases (Scopus, Web of Science).

*Folia Biologica et Oecologica* is already recognized on the official list of scientific journals announced by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education in 2019. In the near future we would like to be a magazine mainly for young scientists, to whom we can offer support throughout the entire publication process as well as the aforementioned professional language correction. That is why in 2020 we want to be present, among others, at the conference organized at the Faculty of Biology and Environmental Protection of the University of Lodz – National Conference of PhD Students of Life Sciences “BioOpen”. All manuscripts published in the *Folia Biologica et Oecologica* journal after the conference will be reviewed, and published content will be available in PDF and HTML. In addition, DOI will be issued to all published articles.

We are also interested in your opinions on important problems and suggestions on how to solve them. Therefore, in each issue we will include one, selected, opinion of an expert in the field of biology.

The Editorial Board will be very grateful to those who decided to contribute to 2020 issue with their manuscripts and also to those who expertly reviewed them. We hope that this issue will be of interest to the scientific community of advanced researchers and students of academia as well as the representatives of industry.

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