

Editorial

Welcome to the first issue of the Bonn zoological Bulletin in 2012. The most comprehensive of the papers published here is a revision of the East Palaearctic beetle genus *Lobrathium*, containing descriptions of a total of thirty-three species new to science, a catalogue of all species of the Palaearctic, and keys for the Himalaya and China. Revisions like this one, written by Volker Assing, set the stage for further taxonomic work in the respective group of organisms, and remain a highly valuable reference for decades. Descriptions of two additional Asian beetle species, the first record and redescription of a Geometer Moth from Iran and Turkey, and a morphological study focusing on the larval urticating apparatus of a Lappet Moth species add to our knowledge of arthropod diversity.

Other studies published in the present volume deal with vertebrates, namely fishes and lizards. Two taxonomic papers give first descriptions of new colourful killifish species from West Africa, and the study by Wagner and co-authors provides data on morphology, behaviour and habitats of a snake-like plated lizard in Zambia. A second brief herpetological manuscript reports for the first time the life colouration of a conspicuous, beige to pinkish, burrowing Madagascan skink. Finally, a brief note proposes in a nomenclatorial act a replacement name for a fish genus.

The Bonn zoological Bulletin is an open access journal, and its contents have so far been published online in a section of Museum Koenig's website. These pages have now been replaced by a new, attractive website available at: www.zoologicalbulletin.de. I am pleased to announce that this website will be accessible with publication of this issue, increasing the visibility of the journal and its contents. The new, comprehensive archive with the complete set of open access pdfs is currently under development, a process that will be completed later this year. The "old" website will of course be maintained at least until the transfer of BzB contents is completed. I thank Kat Stojanov and Sebastian Hüllen very much for setting up this new portal; I am convinced that readers and authors will take multiple advantage of it.

With best wishes to all readers, authors and colleagues from the "BzB-team",



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