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Editorial

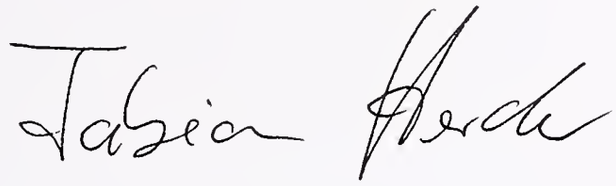
Welcome to the 60th volume of the Bonn zoological Bulletin. All contents published since 1950 are now available online at the ZFMK homepage, providing open access to numerous contributions to organismal zoology. The journal has now been added to the Directory of Open Access Journals, further improving the visibility of papers published in the BzB. Besides open access status, publication remains free of charge for authors, including colour illustrations. In sum, the journal is increasingly attractive for the publication of sound scientific work from its three focus fields, namely (1) taxonomy, (2) systematics and evolution, and (3) biodiversity and biogeography.

Taken together, 32 scientific papers and 10 catalogues of type specimens housed at ZFMK were published in more than 730 pages in the first year after changing the BzB title from "Bonner zoologische Beiträge" to "Bonn zoological Bulletin". The papers contain, among other topics, descriptions of more than a dozen species new to science, ranging from butterflies to fishes, frogs and snakes.

The current issue adds new species records, a comprehensive checklist, descriptions of five new species, and further contributions to organismal zoology. A molecular study suggests that an Amazonian *Pecari* described a few years ago likely does not represent a valid species, and a case study conducted on a small tropical island reports on the accumulating species richness data in a herpetological field survey.

Last but not least, it's an honour to welcome two new board members. Philipp Wagner, currently at Villanova University (USA), is a herpetologist and well known to BzB readers. He has a special interest in agamid lizards from Africa, has acted as guest editor previously, including last year's special issue "Herpetologia Koenigiana" in honour of Wolfgang Böhme, and will now join the Editorial Board. Tan Heok Hui from Raffles Museum of Biodiversity Research in Singapore will support the BzB team as a member of the Advisory Board. He is famous among ichthyologists, especially for his taxonomic work on Asian freshwater fishes including sucker loaches, fighting fish, and the smallest fish species recorded so far, a cyprinid. His interests include also herpetology and vertebrates as well as invertebrates occurring in marine, brackish and freshwater habitats of Asia. A warm "welcome on board" to both colleagues!

With best wishes to all readers, authors and "BzB-team" members,



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