Editorial

This year the scientific journal "Linzer biologische Beiträge" celebrates its 50th anniversary. Meanwhile concentrated knowledge has been packed into 100 volumes, and worldwide usage confirms the value of the printed performance. The success story of the journal began in 1969, when founded by Mag. Robert Steinwendtner under the bulky name "Mitteilungen der botanischen Arbeitsgemeinschaft am OÖ. Landesmuseum Linz" it was, according to the name, aligned purely botanically. Then, from the 7th year (1975) the contributions were published under the shorter title "Linzer biologische Beiträge" with the volumes freely financed by subscribers until 1988. Only from volume 20 cost recovery was taken over by Oberösterreichisches Landesmuseum, and at this point of time also the binding work was reorganised. Before, each band had to be hand-picked sheet by sheet, a time-consuming labour carried out in response to the tight financial situation. During the first years of existence the editorial duties were performed by the botanist Dr Franz Speta, supported by Günther Theischinger in the period 1974-1979. From 1981 this task, also in respect of botanical contributions, overwhelmingly rested in the hands of Fritz Gusenleitner. From this time on there was also a permanent increase in published pages with annual volumes of up to more than 2,000 pages. This made it necessary to outsource from 2010 the botanical contributions in the series "Stapfia Reports". By the end of 2017, a total of 48,459 pages has been printed in "Linzer biologische Beiträge", and over 6,000 taxa new to science have been introduced. As a result, Clarivate Analytics currently ranks us amongst the 5 top journals for new taxa and amongst the 5 top journals for new taxonomic/nomenclatural acts, and that having assessed 5,000 journals worldwide

(http://www.organismnames.com/metrics.htm?page=tsj).

On this occasion I would like to thank all our authors, mostly entomologists from many countries, who with their expertise are responsible for the extremely high scientific status of "Linzer biologische Beiträge".

Ad multos annos!

Fritz Gusenleitner

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