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The aims of Nota lepidopterologica can be briefly defined as follows:

- to provide means of communication for members of SEL;
- to inform SEL members of current activities in lepidopterology;
- to provide up-to-date record of current publications on Lepidoptera of Europe (and adjacent countries) including an index of newly described taxa of genus- and species-group;
- to publish proceedings and reports from SEL meetings including future Congress of European Lepidopterology;
- to publish short papers on various aspects and topics of lepidopterology, especially techniques, faunistics, biology, protection of Lepidoptera and their environment;
- to encourage discussion among members and to facilitate it;
- to review more important current on Lepidoptera;
- to inform members of current research carried out by other members, institutes, museums, universities or individuals;
- to publish bibliographies of distinguished lepidopterists;
- to consider ways of unification of various forms of locality data, abbreviations of collections etc.

The future of Nota lepidopterologica does not rest only in the hands of the editor or editorial board. It depends mainly on the active and constructive participation of all members. Please, send your manuscripts, suggestions and communications to me; do not leave it for tomorrow.

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