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Editorial

Konrad Fiedler and I took over the editorship of *Nota lepidopterologica* during the 12th Congress of Lepidopterology in Bialowieza (Poland), in 2000. Subsequently, we tried to increase its scientific standard by introducing a referee system and changing its layout. The readership may decide how much we succeeded in that, but in one main task we were certainly not successful: that *Nota lepidopterologica* becomes published regularly. There are reasons for that, especially that not enough acceptable manuscripts were submitted to complete the issues in time. It is regrettable that Konrad stepped down from his position as Editor of *Nota lepidopterologica* in June 2003. Without any doubt, he contributed much to increase the standard and the style of the journal, not only as editor, but also as author of several articles. I herewith heartily express my deepest gratitude to Konrad for all his work during his two years of editorship. I appreciated very much to collaborate with him.

The SEL council decided during its meeting in South Tyrol in June 2003 that I should take over the editorship of *Nota lepidopterologica*. The Council also decided that we should publish only two double issues in 2003 in order to be able to get back to a regular schedule of publication from 2004 onwards. I ask all members of the SEL to contribute themselves by submitting papers to be published in *Nota lepidopterologica*. During the past, editors almost completely rewrote several papers in order to achieve a good standard of publication. It is our experience that many authors simply ignore the Instructions for Authors, a fact which should normally result in rejection of papers. Based on our experience, the Instructions for Authors were adapted and are printed at the end of this issue. They should serve not only as a guide for authors, but also for the editorial board and referees. Lets make *Nota lepidopterologica* a fine and regularly published journal!

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