

## Editorial

In May of 2011, following the SEL congress in Luxembourg, I accepted the position of editor-in-chief of *Nota lepidopterologica*. Matthias Nuss, who had been the editor for 11 years, first with Konrad Fiedler as a co-editor from 2000 to 2003 and then with Bernard Landry since the end of 2006, transferred the journal into my hands. Matthias and Konrad shepherded *Nota* into the 21<sup>st</sup> century by bringing it into conformance with contemporary scientific journals through the use of peer-review and by modernizing its layout. Matthias and Bernard have continued this process by maintaining a high academic standard for the acceptance of submitted manuscripts. I will endeavour to follow their lead. Matthias and Bernard will continue their involvement with the production of *Nota* at many levels, as pyraloid and German and French manuscripts editors, respectively, and as editorial board members. Their long experience with *Nota* and their willingness to help has been invaluable during my first year as editor-in-chief.

Based on the experiences of Matthias and Bernard, it has become clear that the workload for one or two editors is much too large, especially as being an editor is entirely voluntary. Thus, after discussion among the editorial board members, we have implemented a strategy by which *Nota* is relying on a number of subject editors. The subject editors will be responsible for editing manuscripts related to their specific areas of research. The subject editors include Sven Erlacher (Germany; Geometroidea), Thomas Fartmann (Germany; ecology and conservation of butterflies and burnet moths), Zdeněk Faltýnek Fric (Czech Republic; Papilionoidea), Axel Hausmann (Germany; Geometroidea and DNA barcoding), Peter Huemer (Austria; Alpine Lepidoptera and Gelechiidae, especially western Palaearctic), Lauri Kaila (Finland; non-butterfly taxonomy, systematics, and morphology), Bernard Landry (Switzerland; Pyraloidea, Alucitidae, and Pterophoridae), Carlos Lopez-Vaamonde (France; coevolution, DNA barcoding, Gracillaroidea, invasion biology, molecular phylogenetics, and phylogeography), Vazrick Nazari (Canada; DNA barcoding and phylogenetics), Erik J. van Nieuwerkerken (the Netherlands; Nepticuloidea, Adeloidea (Incurvarioidea), leafminers in general, and DNA barcoding), László Ronkay (Hungary; Noctuoidea), Jadranka Rota (Denmark; morphology and systematics of basal Lepidoptera, Choreutidae, Cossioidea, Sesiioidea, and other microlepidoptera), and Thomas Schmitt (Germany; butterfly ecology, biogeography, and population genetics). Paul Sokoloff will continue his work on *Nota* as an associate editor in charge of maintaining the high English language standards for all manuscripts in English. We hope this strategy of “divide and conquer” will lead to more timely processing of manuscripts and will further increase their scholarly standards.

At the same time, some of the long-time members of the editorial board resigned. After his long involvement with the journal, Roger Dennis has decided to retire from his formal association with *Nota*. Roger has been a member of the SEL since the founding of the society and has helped shape the journal over the past two decades serving various roles on the editorial board since 1995. I would like to thank Roger for his efforts over the years.

Together with the new editorial team, I will do my best to continue improving the journal and to maintain a dependable publication schedule. All of our future authors can help us by closely following the new directions for submission of manuscripts posted online on the SEL website. Thanks to a number of authors, we have many interesting submissions in this issue. I hope you enjoy reading from the following pages about the status of *Pyrgus cinarae* in the Iberian Peninsula, new species of *Eupithecia* from Syria and *Apatetris* from the Mediterranean, Bombycoidea and Noctuoidea of the Volgo-Ural region, butterflies of the Mongolian Altai, as well as Palaearctic *Cydia*.

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