

Foreword by the editor,

Thinking over how to put in order the events that came one after another in the preparation of this volume, I would like after all primarily to thank the writers and apologise for not having been able to print the material received at the beginning of the year, as was promised. The reason was the process for the evaluation of all the periodicals in the Republic of Croatia that are financed by the Ministry of Science, Education and Sport, a procedure that followed the regular report that we submit each year. The Ministry had founded a new advisory body that gave new rules and criteria for the evaluation of journals. We are happy to have been classified among the pure natural science journals, where as previously we were classified among the applied sciences. Many journals have been taken off the list; it is up to us now to prove ourselves in the group of journals from pure science.

We have to work on increasing the number of original articles, increase the participation of foreign writers, work on a transparent electronic publication of the journal, and, for the sake of the number of years of ongoing activity point out that we are successors of *Acta entomologica Yugoslavica* (1971-1990).

Of course, financing is always a problem, particularly in these times; and yet, we always manage somehow, and with minimal help from the Ministry, we are printing numbers 1 and 2 of volume 14; numbers 3 and 4 of the same volume are being prepared.

Coping with these cares, we were happy to have been included in two more databases – *BIOSIS Previews* and *Entomology Abstracts*, while the evaluation process for another two (*Scopus* and *Web of Science*) is underway. We are hoping for a favourable outcome, and look forward to prompt inclusion.

We are glad to report that the number of hits in the Ministry database, *HRCAK*, is on the increase.

And so, we are not slackening, but moving onwards. We are much encouraged by the younger researchers who are increasingly interested in the world of insects. For them and all others the pages of our journal remain open; it has, luckily, managed to recover from a difficult period, and we are looking to fair winds for further fortunate voyages.

Your editor