

Foreword by the editor

In the diverse duties of editor, it is the moments before the very publication of the journal that I most enjoy, for I know how much this will gladden authors and readers. All the efforts concerned with the preparation that in spite of electronic mail often stick and lead to some hold-up are forgotten. Still, we have managed, in spite of great financial problems, to publish two numbers this year. The first came out in August, and this second is being prepared for November 2009.

For the first number, we are grateful to the Croatian Ecological Association for help, while the second will be issued as usual with funding from the Ministry of Science, Education and Sport, for which we are very grateful.

In this number there are papers that deal with a diverse range of problems, including faunistics, ecology and biology to species newly discovered in Croatia. That the interests in the world of insects are very heterogeneous can be seen from the systematic affiliation, from the orders of Coleoptera, Heteroptera, Diptera, Lepidoptera and Hemiptera. New knowledge concerning the evolutionary relations of insects and arthropods is shown in a popular science paper. And there are also a number of social notices, as well, alas, as memories of the members of the Association that left us in their debt with their scientific work, Dr Ljerka Oštrec and Lidija Mladinov BSc, now passed away.

What gives particular pleasure is that for the following year we have several pieces by our young researchers. We hope that we shall collect still more high quality papers and that we shall raise the level of the references to the journal, which we are persistent in endeavouring to do. All the numbers of the journal from 2005 with the papers can be found on the Web site of Hrčka. The number of visits to this site is also satisfactory. With quality of papers and regular publication dates we shall raise the number of references and citations, and we are doing our best to be referred to in two more databases.

Get in touch, and send us your papers and contributions, keeping to the editorial instructions.

We particularly thank the writers of papers, but also the reviewers, for their very useful advice.

Looking forward to the upcoming holidays, we wish you all a happy Christmas and all the best in the new year, 2010.

Your editor