

**Editorial**

*Fragmenta entomologica* (*Fe*) was founded in 1950 by the lepidopterist Federico Hartig (1900-1980), at that time responsible for the Italian “National Institute of Entomology” (INE), Rome.

*Fe* is now property of the “Sapienza” University, Rome (Department of Biology and Biotechnologies “Charles Darwin”), and represents the scientific journal of the Zoological Museum, “Sapienza” University Museum Centre.

In Spring 2014 the newly established editorial board agreed to supplement the renovated 21 x 28 cm paper version of *Fe* (which is distributed in more than 500 scientific libraries worldwide), with the launch of a new e-version of the journal. Our goal is to address *Fe* to the international market of scientific periodicals and to rise our journal to a high quality standard in publishing original scientific contributions. We are confident to see *Fe* ranked and indexed in the Journal Citation Reports® as soon as possible.

As a new series for the journal we would like to publish high quality papers on a diversity of taxa and topics, according to the following **Aims and Scope**:

*Fragmenta entomologica* (*Fe*) publishes research articles, short scientific notes, reviews articles, data papers, comments and editorials; the journal welcomes submissions of manuscripts dealing with **Taxonomy, Systematics, Molecular phylogeny, Morphology, Paleontology, Bi-**

**odiversity, Biogeography, Evolutionary biology, Conservation biology, Ecology, Ethology, and Applied Entomology**, embracing all terrestrial, freshwater, and brackish water Arthropods. **Merely faunistic papers might be considered for publication only in the following cases:**

1) papers including relevant and significant new data emphasizing the conservation priority of rare, protected or endangered arthropods and their habitats; 2) papers concerning with important newly introduced pest species; 3) papers concerning with poorly known geographic areas from scarcely investigated countries.

All manuscripts submitted to our journal will be critically assessed by external and/or in-house experts in accordance with the principles of peer review (<http://www.icmje.org/#peer>), which is fundamental to the scientific publication process and the dissemination of sound science. All papers should be written in clear and concise English (UK or USA). We recommend that authors have their manuscripts checked by an English language native speaker before submission; this will ensure that submissions are judged at peer review exclusively on scientific merit. Authors are encouraged to see the example files present in the Journal’s website, or a recent paper issue of *Fe*, for details and useful examples about general format of each paper to be submitted.

New taxa names in accepted papers will be

automatically registered by PagePress and the Editorial Board in the *Official Register of Zoological Nomenclature (ZooBank)* accordingly to article 8 of ICZN before being published. About the actual data of availability of taxonomic nomenclatural acts (taxa descriptions, replacement names, type designations, etc.) published in on line papers, *Fe* will ensure that all accepted papers will be posted on line on the journal's website only when completed and closed their editorial processing.

The new editorial team ([www.fragmentaentomol.org](http://www.fragmentaentomol.org)) and myself have planned to publish the first issue (printed and on line versions) of the *FE* new series early (June 2015).

We would therefore like to invite all interested entomologists to submit a manuscript. The

Editor will notify rejection, need for revision, or possible acceptance within 10 weeks from manuscript submission.

For further details, we invite all readers to see the Authors guidelines at the following link:

**<http://www.fragmentaentomol.org/index.php/fragmenta>**

or in the last pages at the end of the present volume 46, 2014.

Cooperation of all interested entomologists will be greatly appreciated and welcome.

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