

Editorial

Dear readers,

with the 75th volume of our journal, we are celebrating a small anniversary. The journal has now reached the age of an old woman. It was born in 1949 – at the same time as the Austrian Entomologists' Association – under the name Wiener Entomologische Rundschau. Since then it has grown by another volume every year – a very pleasing example of continuity and persistence of my predecessors. After one year it already was given a new name: Entomologisches Nachrichtenblatt Österreichischer und Schweizer Entomologen. In 1960 it was renamed for the last time and is still called Zeitschrift der Arbeitsgemeinschaft Österreichischer Entomologen.

The history of our journal is eventful in terms of content and production. The gentlemen who took over the editorship from 1949 to 1973 were Harald Schweiger, Hermann Jakob, Friedrich Kasy, and Alfons Tauber (DOSTAL 1999). Helmuth Holzinger was the first editor I knew personally. He exercised his office conscientiously and expertly over the course of 20 long years. When he died in 1992, Friedrich Weisert (1936–2018), our Fritz, took over the difficult task of succeeding him (WEISERT 1992). He, who came from the publishing industry, was the first to buy a personal computer for this purpose and thus led our journal into a new era. From 2009, when Fritz became seriously ill, I became more involved in the editorial work until I finally took over full responsibility in 2012 with the 64th volume (ZETTEL 2012). This was the first time since 1959 that there was no lepidopterist in this post (in the early years they were coleopterists). Already at that time I was supported by a team, especially Martin Seyfert, who is still responsible for the layout and the print-ready handover to the printer. He gave the magazine a new look and made it more and more colourful. In the beginning, Franziska Anderle (today: Denner) was the 2nd editor, but soon (2014) Alice Laciny followed her with great commitment. However, many other people are involved in the development of a journal volume. First of all, the authors are to be mentioned with great thanks, then the editorial team, the reviewers, and the lecturers.

In 2019, the AÖE News was founded. This online journal publishes tributes and obituaries, book reviews, and relevant articles on the society's activities and conservation-related topics. This reduced the Zeitschrift's volume and allows it to focus on original scientific papers. The online presence of both journals on the AÖE website has been in good hands with Andreas Link for many years.

This anniversary volume is meant to be something special. Therefore, some entomologists were invited to contribute articles free of charge, and the overall scope was somewhat increased. In addition, this volume appears open-access for the first time in its entirety. Consideration is being given to continuing the latter, association finances permitting.

Perhaps ZAÖE will follow the lead of other journals, reduce the printed edition, and take further steps toward PDF format and online publication. Anyway: I wish the jubilarian a splendid future!

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