

A new home for *Tropical Zoology*

Dear readers and subscribers, starting from Volume 33 (2020), *Tropical Zoology* will have a new publisher. The journal, owned by the Italian Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR), was born in 1966 as *Monitore zoologico italiano Supplemento*, jointly published by the Florence University and CNR until 1987. From 1988 to 2001 (Volumes 1 – 14) *Tropical Zoology* was published by the Centro di Studio per la Faunistica ed Ecologia Tropicali (CNR-CeSFET) with Editor Franco Ferrara, from 2002 to 2018 (Volumes 15–31) by the Istituto per lo Studio degli Ecosistemi (CNR-ISE) with Editors Lorenzo Chelazzi, Giuseppe Messina and Stefano Taiti (2002-2011) and Editor in Chief Stefano Taiti and Associate Editor Giuseppe Messina (2012-2018). In 2019 the Istituto per lo Studio degli Ecosistemi merged into the new Istituto di Ricerca sugli Ecosistemi Terrestri (CNR-IRET) and Volume 32 was published. During these 32 years of activity, *Tropical Zoology* has published about 550 papers in the field of experimental and descriptive zoology concerning tropical and subtropical areas.

Starting from 2020, *Tropical Zoology* will be published by PAGEPress (Pavia, Italy), and the editors will be Stefano Taiti (Editor in Chief), Giuseppe Messina and Giovanni Amori (Associate Editors). As for the previous years, there will be four online and two printed issues per year, the editorial style of the journal will be slightly different from that of the previous volumes and the printed issues will have a new cover.

The main difference with the past will be that articles published in *Tropical Zoology* will be Open Access (OA), with Article Processing Charges. Open Access opens a new door to the way we do science. It saves an enormous amount of time to access cited works and enables large studies that have not been possible before, with many benefits for the authors. Open Access articles are available to everyone and it is demonstrated that they are more cited than those published in paywall journals, thus increasing both the H-index of the authors and the Impact Factor of the journals. Moreover, the copyright on the articles published in *Tropical Zoology* will be retained by the authors and not by the journal.

The Editors wish to invite all authors working on taxonomy, phylogeny, biogeography, ecology and ethology of tropical and subtropical faunas to submit their original contributions to *Tropical Zoology*. Researchers can freely visit the new webpage of the journal (<http://www.tropical-zoology.it>) and submit their manuscripts, after registration.

We would like to express our sincerest thanks to the past publishers, the Advisory Board and all the numerous reviewers that have contributed to the success of *Tropical Zoology*.

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