

Editorial Report 2006

The number of submitted manuscripts to *Amphibia-Reptilia* has increased from 123 in 2005 to 152 in 2006. They originated, for a large part, from Europe, but also from North and South America and at a lesser extent from Asia, Africa and Oceania. Of these submissions, 54 manuscripts were accepted, 96 rejected and for 2, a decision is still pending. This means an expected rejection rate of at least 63% and the publication of the highest quality papers in the 600 available pages every year. Manuscripts that are not editorially rejected went through one to three revisions. The time from submission to publication has been considerably shortened and is maintained at less than one year on average (2 issues in the back log). Proofs are provided to the authors very soon after acceptance, which should favour a fast communication of their work. For instance, manuscripts that do not need major revisions and for which authors resubmit directly their revisions, could be available, as proofs, only a few months after the first submission. This fast publication service should allow papers published in *Amphibia-Reptilia* to get a broader readership and thus a higher citation rate.

We continue working to improve the services to the authors and readers of *Amphibia-Reptilia*. Reducing as much as possible publication time is one of our priorities. The issues of *Amphibia-Reptilia* will be published earlier than previously with publications planned in January, April, July, and October. Discussions are currently on-going with Brill about the creation of a web-submission platform. This should facilitate and speed-up communication between authors, reviewers, associate editors and editors. We would also like corrected proofs to be on-line as soon as there are composed in the typesetter. In addition, we plan to post all issues of *Amphibia-Reptilia* on-line for our members and possibly the oldest issues in open access.

A board of associate editors, currently composed of R. Jehle (Bielefeldt, Germany), G.F. Ficetola (Le Bourget du Lac, France), J. Lea (York, The United Kingdom), T. Madsen (Lund, Sweden), and B. Schmidt (Zurich, Switzerland), has been created. It has already been involved in the assessment of a part of manuscripts submitted to *Amphibia-Reptilia*. The submission procedure remains unchanged. The manuscripts continue to be submitted to the co-editors: M. Denoël (Belgium), L. Luiselli (Italy), and D.J. Harris (Portugal).

Three of our reviewers, S. Carranza (Spain), M.J. Maze-rolle (Canada), and O.S. Paulo (Portugal) joined the advisory editorial board.

We would like to thank the authors who supported *Amphibia-Reptilia* in submitting the results of their research, but also the reviewers without whom we would have been unable to give valuable improvements for each paper. A list of the 123 reviewers of manuscripts submitted to *Amphibia-Reptilia* in 2006 is given below:

P. Abrunhosa, U. Agrimi, G.C. Akani, N. Ananjeva, S. Andersson, F. Andreone, F.M. Angelici, R. Avery, L. Baker, L. Bailey, J. Barandun, I.F. Barieene, P.E. Bartelt, T.J.C. Beebee, M.A. Bologna, P. Bombi, X. Bonnet, B. Borczyk, J.C. Brito, S. Busack, J.M. Caldwell, D. Capizzi, M. Capula, V. Caputo, S. Carranza, M.A. Carretero, J. Castanet, C. Ciofi W. Cooper, C. Corti, J. Crnobrnja-Isailović, C. Crumly, T. Dellinger, C. Díaz Paniagua, I. De La Riva, V. Dickinson, J.R. Downie, A. Dubois, C. Ebin, E.A. Eniang, C. Erard, E. Filippi, S. Fornasiero, T. Friedl, J.W. Gibbons, B. Godley, G. Gollmann, I. Gomez-Mestre, D. Greenberg, R.A. Griffiths, B. Gruber, M.S. Gunzburger, A. Hailey, V. Helfer, T. Hirai, R. Jehle, P. Jenkins, A. Kalontzopoliou, S. Kazaharae, R. King, A. Kwet, J. Lea, R. Lehtinen, W. Lowe, A. Loy, D. Madison, T. Madsen, W. Magnusson, B. Maritz, D. Marsh, J. Marshall, R. Meek, S. Mitrus, C.G. Murphy, P. Nystrom, M. Ollson, A. Oppliger, G. Orizaola, D. Ottonello, N. Pacini, C. Pazkowski, J. Pellet, V. Perez Mellado, J. Pleguezuelos, E. Politano, O. Paulo, C. Pinho, E. Pozio, M. Quadrado, C. Reading, R. Rebelo, V. Roca, E. Roth, M. Rubo, L. Rugiero, S. Salvidio, R. Schabetsberger, R. Shine, N. Sillero Pablos, U. Sinsch, G. Smith, J.W. Snodgrass, F. Soderman, S. Steinfartz, M. Stöck, M. Sumida, Z. Toozee, T. Tuberville, B. Ujivari, F. Uwe, L. Vignoli, R. Vogt, D. Wake, J. Watling, J. Watson, J. Wilkinson, and M.A.L. Zuffi. In addition, K.R. Elmer, R. Grant, L. Raw, A. Russell, T. Uzzell, and G. Walters acted as language reviewers.

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