

## Editorial Report 2005

*Amphibia-Reptilia* has continued to receive a high number of submissions in 2005: 123 manuscripts from a large number of countries, mainly in Europe but also in South and North America and in the other continents. On these submissions, 46 manuscripts were accepted, 72 rejected and for 7, a decision is still pending, which means an expected rejection rate of 59 % if the revisions are accepted. Because of the new layout, the higher number of published pages since 2005, the slight changes in the scope of the journal, and the selection of high quality papers, we managed to fully solve the space problem in *Amphibia-Reptilia*. From a backlog of 6 issues two years ago, it is now only of 2 issues. This means a fast publication rate from acceptance. In addition, all the procedures during the submission process have been accelerated (e.g., only e-mail communications, shortened review, resubmission and proof processes). Authors may now expect to get a submitted paper published in less than one year on average. We are also working on new ways to get the service again improved. Although not a perfect index, the impact factor of our journal has recently increased over 0.5 and we expect it to continue its increase in the next few years. With all this good news, we hope that *Amphibia-Reptilia* will remain an issue of choice for your future high quality manuscripts and we thank you in advance for your support to our journal. Particularly, we need a higher rate of manuscript submission to keep our current standard of selection and to fill the 600 yearly pages of our journal.

We would like to thank the authors who supported *Amphibia-Reptilia* in submitting the results of their research, but also the reviewers without who we would have been unable to give valuable improvements for each paper. Hereunder there is a list of the 107 reviewers who acted on manuscripts submitted to *Amphibia-Reptilia* in 2005:

U. Agrimi, R. Aldridge, F. Andreone, F.M. Angelici, G.C. Akani, A. Bauer, T.J.C. Beebee, D.P. Bickford, M.A. Bologna, X. Bonnet, J.C. Brito, R. Brizzi, R. Brodman, C.R. Bursey, D. Capizzi, M. Capula, D. Cogalniceanu, S. Carranza, M.A. Carretero, J. Castanet, C. Ciofi, W. Cooper, C. Corti, E.J. Crespi, J. Crnobrnja Isailovic, P. Daszak, I. De La Riva, T.H. Dellinger, W.E. Duellman, R. Durtsche, D.L. Edwards, E.A. Eniang, C. Erard, J. Faivovich, F. Ficetola, E. Filippi, C. Gabor, J.W. Gibbons, G. Gollman, M.J. Gray, D. Greenberg, P. Gregory, R.A. Griffiths, S. Grosjean, A. Hailey, A.J. Hamer, D.J. Harris, S.B. Hedges, T. Hirai, R. Jaeger, C. Jakob, R. Jehle, J.R. Johnson, P.T.J. Johnson, L. Kats, R. King, A. Kwet, V.A. Lance, J. Lea, K.E. Linsenmair, T. Lodé, P. Lopez, L.B. Lourenço, T. Madsen, W.E. Magnusson, R. Marquez, J.C. Marshall, W.J. Mautz, C. Miaud, R. Mirza, S. Mitrus, C. Morrison, P. Nystrom, D. Ottonello, G. Orizaola, L. Palacios, J. Pellet, V. Perez Mellado, O. Paulo, J.W. Petranka, T. Phelps, C. Pinho, J. Pleguezuelos, E. Politano,

C. Reading, R.M. Rebelo, V. Roca, E. Roth, L. Rugiero, R. Schabetsberger, C.S. Schauble, B. Schmidt, R. Seymour, R. Shine, U. Sinsch, D. Skelly, D.W. Sparling, M. Sztatecsny, Y. Taguchi, B. Thiesmeier, T. Tuberville, L. Vignoli, D.R. Vieites, R. Vogt, V. Wallach, R.A. Wassersug, M. Zuffi.

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