

Dear colleagues and friends,

As people say, “time is flying”, with enormous pleasure and honor I must say that my 10 years work as an Editor-in-Chief of the International journal of Marine Sciences Acta Adriatica has given me a variety of wonderful memories.

The first review of the history of the journal I wrote for the occasion of 80th Anniversary of its continuous publishing (see Acta Adriat., 53 (3): 327-330, 2012). In the 2017, it is time for an additional review to appropriately celebrate the 85th Anniversary of our scientific journal. Only two years after foundation of the Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries (IOF), the first volume of Acta Adriatica was issued. Recognizing the importance of a journal in which scientists who are employees of the Institute may publish their works and so spread knowledge in Europe and the World; the IOF Administration in 1932 took role of the publisher (which remained up to date). Political and administrative circumstances have changed many times during such a long period of 85 years (the journal existed through two World Wars and five changes in statehood), and so it has its appearance.

Still, the main goal of publishing Acta Adriatica has remained unchanged: to publish Original scientific papers as like as Short Communications, Review papers and Technical papers of many disciplines (physical oceanography, marine fisheries, marine chemistry, marine biology, interdisciplinary science and so on) that aid in our understanding of the Adriatic Sea, as well as the Mediterranean Sea. Today we also accept papers that are related to other geographical areas as well as those that have a special international importance (for example, a description of new methodology or description of new species). Initially each issue featured a single article, but from 1979 onwards the journal has published two issues annually, with exceptions in 2008, 2012 and 2017, three issues, while in 2006 (1), 2005 (2) and 1999 (1) in a form of Supplement) with multidisciplinary articles in each. So far a total of 1012 articles written by 1461 authors (in last 5 years 160 articles – 142 Original scientific papers, 12 Short communications, 4 Review articles and 2 Technical papers written by 564 authors) have been published in Acta Adriatica. The greater diversity of authors’ nationalities over time also shows the progress of the scope of the Journal, from local to international. Regardless the fact that foreign authors had been published from the very beginning, in the last decade they have written more than 60% of the published papers. The foreign authors come mostly from the Mediterranean countries (Italy, Slovenia, Montenegro, Spain, Greece, Tunisia, Turkey, Israel, France, Malta, Egypt, Lebanon, Algeria, Albania, Libya, Palestine, Romania, Bulgaria), but there are also authors from non-Mediterranean countries (UK, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Germany, Ireland, Czech Republic, Russia, Hungary, USA, Canada, Argentina, Brasil, Oman, India, Senegal, Japan, Jordan, New Zealand, United Arab Emirates). Acta Adriatica is very much an international journal in its content, in its contributors and in the people involved in reviewing and editing. It does much to promote the publication of good science globally.

Our journal is cited in the following data bases: Agricola, ASFA (CSA) – Aquatic Science & Fisheries Abstracts CSA, CAB Abstracts, CNRS - INIST, Dialog, DOAJ, EBSCO host, Fish & Fisheries Worldwide produced by NICS South Africa, Georeference, HRČAK, ISI Web of Knowledge, Oceanic Abstracts, Pollution Abstracts, Proquest, Referativnij Zhurnal, WoS-Web of Science, SCOPUS Water Resources Abstracts, SCI Expanded and Zoological Record. Acta Adriatica got its first Impact Factor (IF) in 2009 (IF=0.459), and it was in range between 0.302 in 2016 and 0.655 in 2014.

In the last 5 years, we have made changes in the structure of the Editorial Board, acquired and are in the phase of introducing OJS (Open Journal System), all with the aim of improving and facili-

tating scientists and their work. All back issues of Acta Adriatica (starting from Vol. 40. (2), 1999) are available online (<http://jadran.izor.hr/acta/>, ISSN 1846-0453).

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I sincerely thank to all those who contribute with their work to improve the quality of Acta Adriatica and especially to the members of the Editorial Board, as well as to the past and present reviewers from all over the world. Their individual expertise and dedication is highly appreciated. As an Editor-in-Chief, I am immensely happy that I can say that we as a team work for the journal that is recognized and respected by marine scientists in the Mediterranean, Europe and worldwide.

I am hoping that our journal Acta Adriatica will continuously sail in the scientific waters for a long time!

Sincerely yours

Editor-in-Chief
Jakov Dulčić