

EDITORIAL NOTE

Dear Authors and Readers,

Our former Editor, Zdzisława STEBNICKA, had passed this year and this message filled the community of coleopterologists with grief, documented by abundant correspondence received. Some of letters expressed sheer disbelief, as She was working almost till Her last days – the next issue of AZC will contain Her last paper, and our memories about Her.

As the new editors of the AZC we found ourselves deprived of Her experience and overwhelmed with duties new to us. May this be an excuse for the delay in publishing the first volume this year.

Simultaneously, some necessary changes in organization of our journal were signalled to us from various sites: Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education, the new regulations of the International Code for Zoological Nomenclature, and expectations of the Authors and Readers. This caused us to introduce the following changes with the next volume 56 in 2013.

1. The journal is continued under the title: *Acta zoologica cracoviensia*.

From 2005 on our journal has been published in two series: A (Vertebrata) and B (Invertebrata). However, more and more papers submitted concentrated on description of new taxa in entomology and other Invertebrata, and now they constitute a vast majority of published papers. This disproportion caused further distinction in two series inconvenient and difficult to handle. The original cover designed in bold white-black-green by prof. Jerzy ŚWIECIMSKI is restored with minor changes.

2. To accelerate the rate of publication of new taxa, from 2013 on the papers will be published in PDF online as soon as they are processed. Estimated time of this stage is **1 month** after final acceptance of the corrected proof.

According to the new regulations these electronic descriptions of new taxa and nomenclatural acts will be valid in moment of their appearance under certain conditions, which we declare to fulfill*. Particularly, the editor of the AZC will take care to register these electronic works in the Official Register of Zoological Nomenclature (with ZooBank as its online version) and will include the registration numbers in the papers. Two printed volumes will continue to appear annually and will accumulate the papers published previously online.

3. According to the recommendations of ICZN and leading journals, as Zootaxa, the original descriptions of taxa should be cited **in full** in the References. Therefore, we encourage our Authors to take care about the full citation of descriptions published in AZC in other journals where these taxa will be dealt with. This will enhance the citation index of our journal, with the mutual advantage to authors and to the journal.

We hope these changes will make the publication in our journal more effective and friendly.



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*(see: Amendment of Articles 8, 9, 10, 21 and 78 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature to expand and refine methods of publication; full text: Zookeys (2012) 219: 1-10; doi. 10.3897/zookeys.219.3944).