

EDITORIAL

Three years after expanding the scope of *Blumea* from a Malesian-centred plant systematics journal to a pantropical journal covering all aspects of plant biodiversity science (*Blumea* 46, 2001: 1) we would like to remind our readers and contributors of the attractive aspects of using *Blumea* as a vehicle for communication.

As the main in-house journal of the Nationaal Herbarium Nederland (NHN) with local branches in Leiden, Utrecht and Wageningen, our geographical foci are on tropical South-East Asia (especially Malesia: Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, the Philippines, Brunei Darussalam, Papua New Guinea), Africa south of the Sahara and the Neotropics. Our significant research on phanerogams and cryptogams of Europe and the Netherlands is usually published in other journals, including our in-house journals 'Gorteria' and 'Persoonia'. Apart from catering for papers by NHN staff *Blumea* has always welcomed papers from the international botanical community, and will continue to do so.

Thematically the scope of *Blumea* has always been on plant systematics and biogeography in the broadest sense. We emphatically want to embrace all modern aspects such as molecular phylogeny, developmental morphology, comparative ecology, plant diversity analysis and biodiversity assessment in our pages.

Finally, we also want to increase the citation statistics of our journal: a) by providing electron access to all abstracts (www.nationaalherbarium.nl) and in due course to full papers as PDF-files; and b) by actively recruiting review papers on a wide range of topics in plant systematics, phylogeny, biogeography and biodiversity assessment. We have already started to recruit authors, but suggestions on suitable subjects and authors with an ability to write a review paper are most welcome.

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