



Notice from Chief Editor

The first issue of *Zootaxa* was published on 28 May 2001. On 27 May 2005, *Zootaxa* 1000 was published. In four years, over 1100 authors from all over the world had published 1000 papers/monographs in more than 23000 pages. Papers range from 4 to 1295 pages. Most papers were published within one month after acceptance by editors. *Zootaxa* has established itself as a major international journal in systematic zoology.

During the last four years, each paper, short or long, was separately issued and bound. This allowed each paper to be published rapidly, independent of other papers. However, this also added costs in printing, binding and delivery. Sometimes there was waste of paper and delivery costs (e.g. a 5-page paper was printed as an 8-page issue with 3 blank pages; cost for its cover and binding is the same as that for a 60-page booklet). In the last two years, we frequently published several short papers on the same day and almost always published several short papers within a week, which could have been easily combined into larger issues without causing delay for each paper. In the interest of conservation, we will combine short papers into issues of about 60 pages. Monographs of 60 or more pages will be separately issued as before.

The success of *Zootaxa* could never have been possible without the support of many colleagues. I am grateful to our editors, authors and reviewers for their support of *Zootaxa*. I also like to thank our publisher and printer for providing excellent support, which is essential to the timely publication of each issue.

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