

A word from the new Editor-in-Chief

Dear authors, readers, and friends of *Acta Botanica Croatica*

First of all, I want to express my thanks to the Editorial Board of *Acta Botanica Croatica* for its vote of confidence by appointing me the new Editor-in-Chief of the journal. I feel privileged to assume this important role in our botanical journal with a long and distinguished tradition dating back to 1925. *Acta Botanica Croatica* has been fortunate to have had an outstanding editor over the last fifteen years, and I gratefully acknowledge my immediate predecessor, Professor Damir Viličić, for having established and maintained a particularly high standard of editorship. Thanks to his dedicated work and enthusiasm, significant progress in the quality and management of the journal was achieved between 1998 and 2013. Since 1998, *ABC* has been published regularly twice a year in English, and an international editorial board was formed. Since 2001, open access to *ABC* was established and in 2010 its Impact Factor was rated at 0.386, with a tendency to increase.

Today *ABC* is listed in the SCOPUS database, at the Thomson Reuters Master Journal List and the Web of Science database. Since 2011 *ABC* has been published in a partnership between the Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb and a foreign co-publisher Versita-Walter de Gruyter.

I hope this good practice will increase the reputation of the journal in the future as well. Professor Viličić has a watching brief as a new member of the Editorial Advisory Board.

I am grateful to current and new members of the Editorial Board; the subject editors, the technical editor-in-chief and other technical editors, the managing editor, language editor and the Editorial Advisory Board for their willingness to continue their collaboration and support. I hope and believe that with the excellent collaboration of all members of the Editorial Board we will continue the tradition and contribute to the further improvement of the quality of the journal.

Best regards

