

## EDITORIAL

# Entomologia: an international journal of entomology

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The Italian community of entomology has its origins in the distant past and a long history of outstanding contributions to science by people like Francesco Redi (1626-1698), Marcello Malpighi (1628-1694), Adolfo Targioni Tozzetti (1823-1902), Antonio Berlese (1863-1927), Filippo Silvestri (1873-1949) and Guido Grandi (1886-1970), to name but a few. They also promoted the development and dissemination of entomological science in Italy by founding prestigious scientific associations such as the *Società Entomologica Italiana* (founded in 1869) and *Accademia Nazionale Italiana di Entomologia* (founded in 1950). Since their very beginnings, these societies have actively and continuously supported the development of entomology through their official publications and the organisation of national and international congresses and meetings.

Italian entomology has continued to develop over the years and the increasing diversification of the research areas in this field has resulted in the fragmentation of publications into specialised scientific journals. This global trend certainly helps promote specialisation, even across different disciplines. However, it limits that exchange of information and interaction that is so important for people sharing a scientific interest in insects, which is crucial for the cross-fertilisation of ideas that can only add to the knowledge and experience of each individual. We are convinced that the sharing of ideas, and building upon those ideas together for the advancement of the science, should be the main goal of any scientific association, and that it should be pursued at all levels, including through official publications.

To address this intellectual need, the *Società Entomologica Italiana* and the *Accademia Nazionale Italiana di Entomologia* have come together to establish a new international journal of entomology. The journal will cover a large variety of research areas, in order to best rep-

resent the multifaceted scientific community active in Italy and its strong international ties. We aim to provide a new international forum for entomological research, characterised by diversity of expertise and interests. This project will be developed into a culturally vivid platform, animated and supported by international leading scientists in different fields of entomology, as reflected by an editorial board of nearly 80 researchers, all specialised in different scientific fields and from geographical regions from across the world. We are deeply grateful to those colleagues and friends who have enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to share with us the responsibility for this challenging new project.

It is not easy to start up a new journal in entomology. Even finding a good title can be hard in such a crowded field! To reflect the Italian origin of this international initiative, and to stress the multidisciplinary profile of the journal, we decided to call it *Entomologia*. This is the shortest and, in our opinion, the most effective way in which to reflect the diverse objectives we have set out for ourselves.

We sincerely hope that you will wish to share our enthusiasm for the launch of *Entomologia*. This new journal will offer new and stimulating opportunities for disseminating scientific research and we very much look forward to seeing you soon among the Journal contributors and readers. Thank you for your interest and support.

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