EDITORIAL

The Raffles Bulletin of Zoology is pleased to welcome three colleagues who have agreed to join us as associate editors. Perry Ong is a renowned conservation biologist in the region and is also the Director of the Institute of Biology, College of Science at the University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City. He will oversee manuscripts relating to taxonomy and ecology of mammals. Perry also has the distinction of being the first editor outside of the National University of Singapore to assist us in an associate editor post. Tan Koh Siang is a Research Fellow at the Tropical Marine Science Institute, National University of Singapore, and has extensive experience working on gastropods and other marine molluscs. He will be assisting with malacological manuscripts. Tohru Naruse is a Research Fellow at the Department of Biological Sciences, National University of Singapore. With his extensive experience in working with numerous groups of decapods, he has kindly agreed to assist with manuscripts relating to crustaceans.

We also welcome a new museum staff, Martyn E. Y. Low, who will be serving as Assistant Editor. His primary role will be to assist the Managing Editor in the day to day operations of the RBZ. In this electronic age, a web presence is also critical to the dissemination and source of information. We would also like to welcome the museum’s plant curator, Chua Keng Soon, on board the team who will serve as the Webmaster for the journal. All web-based issues with regards to the RBZ will be overseen by Keng Soon.

We bid a fond (albeit temporary) farewell to Darren Yeo, who has stepped down as an associate editor, who has gone on an attachment to the University of Notre Dame, Indiana. We wish him all the best in his endeavours and await his return.

I am pleased to report that the RBZ’s impact factor had risen from 0.422 in 2005 to 0.533 in 2006. This is no doubt due to all the hard work that goes into the publication of the RBZ by the all editorial staff and referees for this and previous years. I would like to place my appreciation to all in this editorial and hope that the next year will bring forth greater achievements.

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