EDITORIAL

It is with a heavy heart that I have to announce that Navjot S. Sodhi, an eminent member of the Editorial Board (2007–2011) had passed away due to sudden illness on 12 Jun. 2011. During his stint as Editor-in-Chief from 1996–2001 and Associate Editor from 2001–2007, he was pivotal in placing the Raffles Bulletin of Zoology (RBZ) on the Science Citation Index (SCI) in 1998. From then, the SCI rating for RBZ has gone from strength to strength, from 0.314 to 1.456 today. This is a remarkable achievement for a regional journal publishing primarily taxonomy papers on Southeast Asian fauna. He was also instrumental in changing the physical outlook of the RBZ hardcopy prints, enlarging from B5 to A4 format, partly to accommodate the increase in number of papers. We will miss his valuable input as an Editorial Board member. Gone but not forgotten is his input to the ecology and conservation circles. There will be an upcoming special memorial supplement co-edited by three of his ex-students (Koh Lian Pin, Lee Tien Ming and Matthew Lim), with an obituary chapter and invited papers.

Since helming RBZ for a brief nine months, two regular issues and two supplements have been published. The annual impact factor has been released, RBZ (2010) now stands at 1.456 (an increment over last year’s 1.365). This is a great achievement and stems from much input from Tan Swee Hee, Martyn Low, Associate Editors and the many authors who had contributed the articles and referred to our publications. Currently, the breadth and scope of the articles has been increasing and in order to cope with the workload, I am delighted to announce a new Associate Editor, Leong Tzi Ming, currently a Research Fellow at the National University of Singapore and NUS alumnus, who will handle articles dealing with amphibians and reptiles. I am also pleased to include the expertise of fellow ichthyologist, Fabian Herder, from the Zoologisches Forschungsmuseum Alexander Koenig (Bonn, Germany), as the newest member of the Editorial Board. Fabian is no stranger to research in Southeast Asia, he has previously worked on Vietnamese fauna (publishing papers on loaches and paradise fishes) and more recently on Wallacea, in particular lake fishes of Sulawesi (with interest in population genetics and adaptive radiation).

A very warm welcome to our latest additions, and looking forward to many more future issues.

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