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Dear readers

After 6 months of transition among editorial teams, this is the first volume entirely managed by the new staff and it is a great pleasure to write my first editorial in *Oecologia Australis* as the editor-in-chief. Five years ago, I was part of the editorial team as an Executive editor and since then the journal has grown, changed its name and is now established as a scientific publication that is read and accessed worldwide.

Our previous editorial team obtained great accomplishments for the journal, such as its establishment as a quarterly journal and the indexing at SCOPUS. As the current team in charge, we intend to keep the journal growing and, in order to achieve it we announce the new expanded journal scope, to allow the submission of a great range of articles. *Oecologia Australis* remains a reference repository for Ecology studies from the Southern Hemisphere, thus will continue accepting articles in English, Portuguese and Spanish.

Recently, we also modernized the communication experience with our readers, by creating a Facebook profile of the journal; thus all the content, reports, news, calls, etc, can be promptly shared with thousands of people. During 2013, we already recorded more than 25,000 individual readers from 91 countries. Dissemination efforts seem successful as the number of citations is rapidly growing: a thousand citations scored in the last six months. These are some achievements of this new phase in the successful journey of *Oecologia Australis*. We intend to maintain this path and we call for authors, referees, colleagues and readers to join us in this campaign.

Oecologia Australis welcomes the submission of manuscripts that meet the general criteria of significance and scientific excellence from any discipline related to Ecology: Original Papers, Scientific Notes, Opinions, Forums and Reviews in Ecology, as well as Thematic Issue Proposals. Specific topics of interest include (but are not restricted to):

- Ecological Theory
- Conservation
- Biodiversity
- Biogeography
- Modern Ecological Applications
- Experimental Ecology

I finish this message thanking all previous and current members of the Editorial Board, the Associated and Executive Editors, and especially the authors and reviewers who have contributed for the evolution of *Oecologia Australis* during its history. Without their support, we could not have achieved these ambitious steps.

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