

Editorial: *Micropaleontology* celebrates 65 years of scientific excellence

With the publication of this issue, the journal has achieved a new milestone: the 65th volume is complete. Our journal has turned 65, making it the oldest journal in our subject area.

Over the last 65 years we have published some key papers in our field. Volume 1, published in 1955, featured papers by some of the great names in our subject area: Paul Brönnimann, H. H. Renz, Walter Blow, Irene Crespin, Martin Glaessner, John Haynes, Al Traverse, and Cesare Emiliani. In its early years, *Micropaleontology* published papers by Orville Bandy, Fred Banner, Alan Bé, Bill Berggren, Hans Bolli, Esteban Boltovskoy, Bill Hay, Jan Hofker, Graham Jenkins, Emile Pessagno, and the Loeblich & Tappan and Conkin & Conkin teams, just to name a few. The original editors of the journal, Brooks Ellis and Angelina Messina, left behind a splendid legacy of high-quality papers. We would like to thank all the previous editors of our journal for their continuing efforts and building upon this legacy.

In its early years, the majority of papers were contributed by micropaleontologists working for petroleum companies and geological surveys based in North America and the Caribbean region. Over the years we have seen a gradual shift in emphasis from industrial-based micropaleontology to more academic-based research, but we are still the leading journal for stratigraphic and taxonomic research in the Phanerozoic. The current volume has published studies from the Jurassic, Barremian-Aptian, Cenomanian-Coniacian, Maastrichtian, Paleocene, Eocene, Oligocene, Miocene, Pleistocene, and Recent. Volume 66 will begin with a monograph on Permian radiolarians.

Our journal also publishes larger monographs, such as the recent double issue on the taxonomy of foraminifera from a coral reef setting in Indonesia (Förderer and Langer 2018), the lower Cretaceous dinocysts from the North Sea (Duxbury 2018; 2019), and conference proceedings volumes – for example the Proceedings of the Tenth International Workshop on Agglutinated Foraminifera (Kaminski and Fekete 2018). If you have a large monograph with numerous plates of microfossils, please keep us in mind.

When I (MAK) assumed the role of Editor-in-Chief of *Micropaleontology* in the Autumn of 2017, my top priority was to bring the publication of our journal back on schedule. This was achieved in December 2018, when issue 6 was published on-line on New Year's Eve. Since the beginning of the current

year, we have published all issues within the two-month publication window for a given issue. Additionally, authors can now purchase open access for their papers with us. We are grateful to the authors who have remained loyal to this journal through the years. We are also grateful to the members of the editorial board for their thoughtful reviews, which improve the quality of the manuscripts. Through this collaborative process, we will continue to publish top-quality micropaleontology contributions in this journal. In fact, our journal is now growing stronger – numerous authors have turned away from the other micropaleontological journals (for various reasons) and have come back to *Micropaleontology*.

In recent years we have received more contributions from European authors. We are now represented at many European geological and paleontological meetings to promote our publications. *Micropaleontology* Press and MicroPress Europe had a table at the FORAMS conference in 2018, and we help sponsor the foraminiferal poster session at the EGU meetings. We recently had a table at the STRATI 2019 meeting, as well as at the TMS annual general meeting. Beginning last year, we are a sponsor of the International School of Foraminifera at the University of Urbino. People now know that *Micropaleontology* Press is an active participant in our subject area, and that we are promoting our science — for example by supporting student attendance at the Urbino summer school. We realize that educational opportunities in our subject area have been contracting in recent years, and that we need to be more proactive in promoting our subject and investing in the training of the next generation of micropaleontologists. In the future we hope to do even more to support our subject.

In addition to our main office at the City University of New York, we now have a physical presence in Europe. In the summer of 2016, we officially opened the office of Micropress Europe at the AGH University of Science & Technology in Kraków, Poland. The Micropress offices in Kraków now house an impressive library of micropaleontological books and journals, and we also have numerous “published” collections of specimen slides housed in 20 mahogany cabinets. Our archived collections are becoming more and more impressive – to mention just one example, we even have the microslides from a paper that Graham Jenkins published in *Micropaleontology* in 1960. The collections are made available for viewing upon appointment by contacting our Associate Editor, Anna Waśkowska. The new office not only serves as a micropaleontological reference center, but also as a convenient venue for short

courses and working group meetings. In September next year we will host the International Workshop on Agglutinated Foraminifera at Micropress Europe.

Finally, the Micropaleontology Press website now has a new look, and with a click of the mouse, the instructions for authors can be downloaded. We look forward to serving the micropaleontological community by providing a platform for the rapid publication of scientific articles. This year our turnaround time for articles to be published on-line has been reduced to three months, articles are assigned DOI numbers, and the waiting time for articles to appear in print has been reduced. In fact, many of the papers published in this issue were first received during the summer months. I am grateful to our review-

ers for reading and returning articles quickly, and to our authors for returning their corrected papers within a few days. With the help of our authors and reviewers, the quality of our papers will no doubt improve. After 65 years of serving the micropaleontological community, we have no plans to retire – in fact our future looks bright.

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