Editorial: congratulations to Andres Saag on his 70th Birthday

initiative, the Estonian lichen database (eSamba) was created and developed, later evolving into today's modern digital data repositories. Andres has also been the creator and driving force behind web resources and interactive identification tools of lichens in Estonia.

Since 1997, Andres has been an active member of the Editorial Board of Folia Cryptogamica Estonica, and from 2006 to 2020, he served as the journal's Editor-in-Chief.

Andres is also a passionate photographer. His patience and dedication have yielded a valuable collection of lichen photographs, the most masterfully taken of which can be found in scientific books and photo exhibitions.

On this jubilee, we wish you continued energy, curiosity, and joy in both your scientific work and everyday life. May the projects ahead be as fruitful and inspiring as your achievements so far!

Warm wishes from Estonian lichenologists, colleagues, and friends

On November 21, Andres Saag, the long-serving Editor-in-Chief of Folia Cryptogamica Estonica, celebrated his 70th birthday.

Andres's studies and research have been closely connected with the University of Tartu. He is an internationally recognised and respected lichenologist whose long-standing research on lichen systematics has encompassed morphological, molecular, and chemical characteristics. Andres has been a pioneer in promoting new research directions in Estonian lichenology – under his leadership, a laboratory for analysing secondary lichen substances was established, and specific analytical methods were developed at the University of Tartu. He was among the first scientists in Estonia to apply computer-based phylogenetic analyses.

In addition to addressing theoretical scientific questions and enhancing data analyses, Andres has devoted considerable time and energy to maintaining and developing the lichen collections at the University of Tartu. On his