

Editorial

How was the year 2022 for *Folia Cryptogamica Estonica*?

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Dear readers,

The current FCE fascicle 59 is full of diverse papers considering new and noteworthy taxon records, updates to red- and checklists, and among other things – lichen biota on hornfels outcrops. We are very grateful to all authors who have submitted their manuscripts to FCE this year. Every submission of a paper is always educative for the Editorial Board. We especially commend authors who were particularly attentive to the details during submission process for this fascicle.

We are happy to introduce and express thanks to the new members of the FCE Editorial Board: Martin Westberg from Museum of Evolution (Sweden) and Petr Kohout from Charles University and Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic. We do also appreciate the essential contribution of the reviewers, editors, and colleagues who helped with the production of FCE fascicle 59: Ulf Arup, Paweł Czarnota, Michał Gorczak, Beata Guzow-Krzemińska, Kristian Hassel, Kentaro Hosaka, Nele Ingerpuu, Mikael Jeppson, Inga Jüriado, Urmas Kõljalg, Svetlana Markovskaja, Jurga Motiejūnaitė, Kalle Olli, Taavi Pae, Zdeněk Palice, Kadri Pärtel, Katarina Pastircakova, Kadri Pöldmaa, Tiina Randlane, Peedu Saar, Andres Saag, Anton Savchenko, Harrie Sipman, Lars Söderström, Ave Suija, Arne Thell, and Hermann Voglmayr. We also thank Ivo Volt, Ülle Ergma, and Aive Maasalu from University of Tartu Press for the technical support.

I mentioned last year that 2021 was quite challenging for FCE (Degtjarenko, 2021). The year 2022 turned out to be dreadful to all of us. Russian invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022 has influenced various aspects of the every-day life. Among other things, the invasion is ultimately disturbing the development of the Ukrainian academy. To provide support for Ukrainian academic community, we exceptionally prolonged the deadline of manuscript's

submissions and encouraged Ukrainian colleagues to submit their manuscripts to FCE, which yielded three papers.

Scientific publishers across the world unevenly reacted to the Russian invasion and still ongoing war on the territory of sovereign Ukraine (Nazarovets & Teixeira da Silva, 2022). We, as editors and representees of the University of Tartu Press, condemn Russia's actions but do not refuse yet to cooperate with our Russian colleagues. The Russian authors were proposed to publish their works in FCE this year, however without any mention of affiliation and governmental grants.

We would like to share nice notes as well. We were pleasantly surprised when we checked the FCE metrics at SCImago Journal Rankings (SCImago, 2022). According to SCImago, FCE is now ranked as a Q1 journal and has risen to the 26th place among all open access journals within the plant science category. FCE holds the fourth place in the ranking of plant science and open access journals from Eastern Europe (FCE is categorised as journal from Eastern Europe according to SCImago). Finally, FCE is on the first place among Estonian open access journals irrespective of the subject. We are very glad to have these results and intend to keep the journal relevant in the field.

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