

## Editorial

Dear Readers,

It was my pleasure to take up the publication of the international journal *Phytologia Balcanica* as its Editor-in-Chief. Thanks to the efforts of its former Chief Editor, Dr Ana Petrova, the journal has achieved high quality and undoubted prestige. Under her guidance it maintained a high scientific level within the highly competitive environment created by the other journals in the field of botany. *Phytologia Balcanica* has won deserved prestige on a national, regional and international level. Publications featuring the entire scope of botanical science, in line with the good traditions and foremost trends and prospects in the development of the science of plants find place now on its pages. On behalf of us all - authors, editors, reviewers, designers and anyone related with the publication of the journal – I would like to thank Dr Petrova and express our gratitude for her high professionalism and selflessness in her work as Editor-in-Chief. I hope that *Phytologia Balcanica* could still count on her competence and erudition in the future.

The success achieved by *Phytologia Balcanica* is both a challenge and an obligation. High requirements and standards have been set, which should not only be retained, but also developed in the years to come. The pages of our journal are open for publication of overviews and theoretical articles, news in the field of botany, surveys of national, regional and international character. We would like to invite the authors to present here papers dealing with issues in the field of history and evolution of the flora and vegetation, floristics, taxonomy, phytocoenology, anatomy and embryology of plants, paleobotany and palynology, phytochemistry, molecular and genetic research, biology of medicinal and aromatic plants, taxonomy and ecology of fungi, protection and study of rare and protected plants, plant biotechnologies and all other fields of traditional and contemporary botany. Several thematically oriented issues dedicated to prominent Bulgarian botany scholars have been brought out in recent years too.

Finally, I would like once more to thank Dr A. Petrova and the other members of the Editorial Board for their active efforts and work aimed at the successful publication of the journal. It is our intention to enable *Phytologia Balcanica* to continue its development as a leading international journal, committed to publication of high-quality botanical studies.

**Dimiter Ivanov**  
Editor-in-Chief

