Editorial

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Dear readers, authors, editors, and reviewers of Plant Systematics and Evolution,

After 15 years of service as chief editor of Plant Systematics and Evolution, I am going to hand over my duties to a new team.

Over all these years I have tried to maintain the scope of this journal wide and at the time focused on what its title promises—to organize publication of new achievements in the field of plant Systematics and Evolution. It has been my policy while maintaining a high standard of scientific quality to encourage authors not only from Europe and North America, but from the whole world to participate in the advancement of science.

I would like to thank my editorial assistant, Ms. Uta Schwabe, to whom—I think I speak also on behalf of all members of the editorial board—I am indebted for her constant efforts in communication with authors, reviewers, and editors to get manuscripts timely published. Together, we tried to present interesting results and points for discussion. This has been more and more difficult since new journals have appeared and the amount of manuscripts has

increased substantially. The effort to find appropriate reviewers now has been the main issue defining processing time of manuscripts.

I want to thank all of you who have helped in the one or other way to publish PSE over the last 15 years, either by contributing manuscripts, or as reviewers who helped to improve the quality of many submission decisively, and to the former and present editors for managing publication in different fields of interest covered by the journal. I also want to thank the publisher for his support and especially Dr. Silvia Schilgerius and Dr. Panuschka for their enthusiasm about the journal.

Finally, I wish the new chief editors, Prof. Marcus Koch, Prof. Karol Marhold, and Dr. Martin Lysak all the best for their work with PSE. May the journal maintain its long and distinguished role in fostering botanic research worldwide.

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