Message from the editor

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This has been another busy year for *Theoretical Ecology*, with some notable developments. Last year, we published our first special issue and published substantially more articles and more pages than in previous years (526 pages last year as compared to 294 the previous year).

The journal continues to be very successful and continues to attract a large number of high-quality submissions, which has led to a large number of papers in the Online First category. Therefore the last several issues and the current one are somewhat larger and this will continue until the time from acceptance to appearance in an issue is reduced.

The journal encourages submission of review papers, and as with other categories of papers, flexibility in presentation is encouraged. The first paper in the current issue is an example of one of the kinds of reviews we seek to publish. Both direct submissions and presubmission inquiries about

possible review paper subjects are encouraged. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

The journal continues to encourage a wide variety of submissions; the only requirement is that the manuscript represents a theoretical advance in ecology. Thus papers can range from ones with no mathematical content to highly mathematical developments, and can range across all areas of ecology.

The second issue of the previous volume was the first special issue, dedicated to Simon Levin on his 70th birthday. Special issues that are thematic are particularly welcome. Again, feel free to contact me if you have questions or suggestions. Finally, I would like to thank the efforts of the editorial board and the reviewers, as we continue to provide high quality and rapid feedback to authors.

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