Editorial

The year 2009 marks the 250th Anniversary of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. *Kew Bulletin* has been published, under the current title or as the *Bulletin of Miscellaneous Information (Royal Gardens Kew)*, for almost half of the Gardens' existence, consistently delivering high quality science output in taxonomy and systematics. In earlier years our content was primarily generated by our staff, but it now comes from a wide international authorship. This issue celebrates both the traditional side of *Kew Bulletin* with latest update of the wild flora and fauna recorded in Kew Gardens, a series which began in 1906, as well as the modern, with new taxa and revisions published by authors from four continents.

Kew Bulletin will be noting the Anniversary in several ways. You will see that the cover has changed

to become more colourful and illustrative, and we intend making this change permanent, with a different cover for each volume. We will publish at least two review articles in this volume, with more planned for future volumes. We will also be publishing a special issue comprising papers from the 'Plant Conservation for the next decade: a celebration of Kew's 250th anniversary' conference to be held in October 2009.

The journal will continue to be a focal point for plant and fungal taxonomy and systematics for many years to come. We very much value the continued support of authors, reviewers and subscribers.

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