Editorial

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Dear Reader,

With this issue of *Mycotoxin Research*, we celebrate not only the 25th anniversary volume but we also enter a new dimension concerning the publisher and the versions of publication. For several years now, *Mycotoxin Research* has been the official journal of the Society for Mycotoxin Research. In recent years, there has been an increasing demand to enhance accessibility and visibility by publishing an additional electronic version. This has been achieved by cooperation with a strong partner, Springer. The availability of past volumes has also been greatly improved by their on-line publication. The journal will of course continue to pursue its ultimate aim: to provide an interdisciplinary platform for communication of high quality research on all topics related to mycotoxins.

Although *Mycotoxin Research* is now a well-established and well-cited journal in the relevant fields of science, we continue our efforts to enhance its bibliometric impact, which is largely dependent on its inclusion in major scientific databases. We have already achieved significant progress in recent years, and we are confident that we will be able to satisfy the needs both of our authors and our readership.

Over the last 25 years, we have seen an ever-increasing number of scientific articles in the fields of mycotoxin research, with an annual growth of approximately 10%. This conservative estimate indicates that, compared with 1985, about ten times as many articles related to mycotoxins were published last year. It is the mission of *Mycotoxin Research* to maintain, and further develop, its reputation as a major source of knowledge on mycotoxins. To achieve this, we ask for the continued support of our authors and our readers. To help us with our efforts in improving the journal, we would also like to ask you for any kind of feed-back and criticism (<http://www.springer.com/12550>).

Finally, on behalf of the Organizer and the Society for Mycotoxin Research (<http://www.mycotoxin.de>), we want to cordially invite you to join us at the “31st Mycotoxin Workshop”, 15–17 June 2009 in Münster, Germany (http://www.uni-muenster.de/Chemie.lc/en/mykotoxin_workshop/index.html). This is an excellent opportunity to obtain a general mycotoxin overview, to see and hear fresh, unpublished results, and to meet “mycotoxin colleagues”. Peer-reviewed presentations from this conference will be published in *Mycotoxin Research*.

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