Editorial

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One of the expectancies resulting from the editorship of BrazJBot by Springer was to obtain a wider visibility and internationality of the journal. Over the current year, the evolution of the rhythm of submissions and the geographic diversity of the origin of submitted papers have shown that these aims are being achieved. The number of articles published in issues 37(1), 37(2), and 37(3) were, respectively, 9, 13, and 16. The present issue brings out 24 papers, among which 21 are authored by researchers from outside Brazil. The papers cover a wide diversity of botanical themes, such as plant stress, biochemistry, water relations, ecology, biogeography, morphology and anatomy, mycology, palynology, cytogenetics, molecular diversity, and economic botany.

No doubt the announcement this year of the BrazJBot impact factor (1.385) substantially contributed to increase the rate and diversity of submissions over the last few months. To keep pace with this increasing interest in the journal, the number of Assistant Editors has also increased substantially. Coherent with our aim to strengthen the internationalization of the journal, the present team of Assistant Editors comprises experts not only from Brazil, but also from Argentina, Mexico, Europe, and Asia.

The recent good results would not be achieved if BrazJBot did not have the tradition and respectability accumulated along four decades of uninterrupted work,

which started with the initiative and leadership of Gil Martins Felipe, who unfortunately passed away last August. The positive performance of BrazJBot is also due to the diligent work and expertise of the reviewers, the Manager Editor and Assistant Editors. Thanks are also due to the Botanical Society of São Paulo and the Springer staff.

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As we are doing now, we hope to have reasons to celebrate good results, one year from now. I wish Season's Greetings and Happy New Year to all people who have collaborated with BrazJBot, including FAPESP, CNPq, authors, reviewers, members of the Botanical Society of São Paulo, BrazJBot Editorial Board, and Springer staff.

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