

Editorial Letter

Dear colleagues,

We take the opportunity of three years Editorial Team of the Journal of Plant Diseases and Protection at Rostock University to warmly thank: the members of the Editorial Board for their continuous work on the quality of the journals papers, the authors to submitting their manuscripts to the journal and the reader of the papers.

In 2013 JPDP could affiliate eight new members of the Editorial Board. Two of them started immediately in January 2013: Monica Höfte, Gent and Ilaria Pertot, S`Migele all`Adige. During the year Marco Beyer, Belvaux, Rainer Meyhöfer, Hannover, Sabrina Sarrocco, Pisa, Beata Hasiów-Jaroszewska, Poznan, Ann-Charlotte Wallenhamar, Örebro and Erland Liljeroth, Alnarp joined the board as new members.

In the same period unfortunately two members declined their membership: Beate Berkelmann-Löhnertz, Geisenheim and Wilhelm Jelkmann, Darmstadt.

Most "old" members of the Editorial Board will continue their assistance in 2014. Many thanks to all of you – JPDP rely on your work and engagement in the review and publishing process.

Rainer Meyhöfer, Hannover takes now additional care of questions about applied statistics applied to experimental data. Together with David Makowski, Grignon who does a continuous good job with modelling and simulation papers, JPDP Editorial Board is getting settled in methodological points.

As you may see in the cover of this issue, the Editorial Team at Rostock University has shrunken: Paula Westerman is no longer engaged as an Editorial Assistant. The idea "to have a brief look" by Paula on the English of the manuscript simply did not work. While few manuscripts are immediately okay, the majority require efforts, which cannot be provided by an almost volunteer service. Paula will carry on as a member of the Editorial Board of JPDP and deal – like all members of the Editorial Board – with selected manuscripts. Paula, thank you very much for the work during the last three years and welcome to the Editorial Board!

As a consequence we will increasingly insist to have a documented professional proof of the English by the authors.

Many of you have experienced some difficulties with the online-submission system. We are in continuous dialog with the publisher Ulmer and the German Society of Plant Protection and Plant Health to improve the work. In the meantime most of the start-up problems in the up-loading process of manuscript have been solved. Nevertheless, do not hesitate to contact the Managing Editor directly whenever you have problems with the system.

For the up-coming issues of JPDP the Editorial Office is looking forward to your interesting, numerous and well-prepared submissions, original research papers, short communications and review papers!

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