

20 years of Fottea journal

Publishing of the Fottea journal has been initiated by its editor Aloisie Pouličková (Palacký University in Olomouc) in 2001. Its history is tied closely to the history of the Czech Phycological Society, which split from the Czech Botanical Society in 2002 following the leadership of Tomáš Kalina (Charles University in Prague). First six volumes (named Czech Phycology) were thus published as the Bulletin of the Phycological Section of the Czech Botanical Society (2001) and the Bulletin of the Czech Phycological Society (since 2002).

Aloisie Pouličková, the chief and technical editor of the Czech Phycology, was assisted by her students Miloslav Kitner, Darina Dřimalová and Petr Hašler, who helped with technical editing, and Kateřina Čechová, who was responsible for English language corrections. The editorial board was formed by the members of the Czech Phycological Society: Blanka Desortová (ecology), Tomáš Kalina (taxonomy), Jan Vymazal (applied phycology) and Viktor Žárský (experimental phycology). Papers were published in Czech, Slovak and English languages. The Czech Phycology was published annually and printed by Palacký University Press. Printing was financed by the Czech Botanical Society (2001), the Czech Phycological Society (2002 – 2015) and the Czech Academy of Science (2016 – present).

In 2006, the general meeting of the Czech Phycological Society supported a proposal by the editor to make changes which led to an increase in quality and international impact of the journal. These changes included international editorial board, A4 format, new cover design and new name Fottea, in honour of Czech phycologist Bohuslav Fott (Charles University in Prague). Since then, the editorial office of the journal has two members – Aloisie Pouličková (editor in chief) and Petr Hašler (technical editor). The cooperation with Palacký University Press continues and, in 2015, Palacký University in Olomouc became co-publisher. The administrator of the first online editorial system was Tomáš Hauer. New editorial system Actavia is working since 2015 and administered by Ivo Andrlé.

Over the years, many people took membership in the editorial board, namely František Hindák (Slovak Academy of Science Bratislava, taxonomy), Georg Gärtner (Institute of Botany Innsbruck, Latin diagnoses), Hedy Kling (Algal Taxonomy and Ecology Winnipeg), Bryan Spears (University of St Andrews), Jiří Neustupa (Charles University in Prague), Jan Kaštovský (University of South Bohemia České Budějovice), Petr Dvořák (Palacký University in Olomouc), Saúl Blanco Lanza (University of León); Dale A. Casamatta (University of North Florida), Eileen J. Cox (Natural History Museum London), Patrick Kociolek (University of Colorado), Michael Schagerl (University of Vienna) and Morgan L. Vis (Ohio University).

Since 2009, Fottea is included in Scopus and Thomson Reuters products (Web of Science) with impact factor ranging from 0.978 to 2.026 over the years. It publishes particularly papers on algal and cyanobacterial taxonomy and ecology. Nowadays, it is published biannually with approximately 20 papers per year. Open access is provided to all papers, pdfs are available on Fottea web page. Several monographic publications Fottea Supplements (2003, 2007, 2010, 2014 and 2017), which were focused on centric diatoms and submitted by Václav Houk and colleagues, met great appreciation among readers. Conference proceedings (IAC meeting 2011) and issues dedicated to the birth anniversary of meritorious Czech and Slovak phycologists (to date, Petr Marvan, František Hindák, Alena Sládečková, Oldřich Lhotský, Jaroslava Komárková, Zdeňka Žáková) are published occasionally. It was a long journey. Twenty years of fruitful co-operation with insightful authors and devoted reviewers, overcoming various software and technical issues, guiding less-experienced authors (often students), dealing with „folk creativity“ (i.e. with authors who tend to ignore official guidelines), tuning our style and optimizing the editorial work in two people, whose main work responsibilities were teaching and research.

Our thanks belong to the Czech Phycological Society (particularly its chairmens Tomáš Kalina and Jan Vymazal) for welcoming work environment, to Oldřich Lhotský (Czech Academy of Science Třeboň), Jiří Komárek (Czech Academy of Science Třeboň) and František Hindák (Slovak Academy of Science Bratislava) for inspirational comments on editorial work and to all the editors and reviewers for enthusiasm and professionalism which ensured high quality of published papers.

Fottea team
Czech Phycological Society