Editorial

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From this volume on, Fauna norvegica has taken several measures to be an electronic journal. Although we retain the printed volume we will now be fully electronic. One of our aims is to present descriptions of new taxa, hence we are obliged by the zoological rules of nomenclature to have a certain number of hard copies distributed to libraries, hence we will still publish each volume in print.

Scanning of all back issues has been completed. Volumes will be available open access when each volume is successively placed in the online depository.

Online services

From our web page hosted at the publisher; NTNU Museum of Natural History and Archaeology we post updates and news. From this page (Figure 1) authors can access online services for submission and have access to free open access articles.

Submission of articles is now entirely online. Fauna norvegica uses the "Open Journal Systems" software that enables the authors to track their manuscript through the review-process. To be able to submit a manuscript the author will have to be registered as a user. The author can log in and upload a revised version of the manuscript after the review (Figure 2). We believe this system will speed up the publication process.

Keeping online services give us the opportunity to publish articles online shortly after the galley proof has been approved by the authors. The printed volume is generally published annually in December. To keep track of articles published online we have introduced DOI identifiers from this volume.

Open access

Fauna norvegica has been open access for some time. We expand this by changing our copyright policy to apply a Creative Commons License (see webpage for details). By doing this we encourage authors to publish their articles in their personal webpages and institutional archives, hence to disseminate research results widely.

The journal's open access policy and also the introduction of the Open Journal Systems software makes published articles more available to indexing bodies. Upon publication of a volume data is fed to for example Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), CrossRef and Google Scholar, in addition to standard reference databases the journal has used for a long time.

Editorial board

We are pleased to welcome Dr Jussi Evertsen to the editorial board. Evertsen's main responsibility will be in manuscripts on molluses and marine issues in general.

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Figure 1. An image from the web page of Fauna norvegica presenting news, and directions for using the submission tools. From this page access to all content is given when following the link to the online depository.



Figure 2. An example showing how authors can navigate through the review process of the submitted manuscript (encircled in black). For details the journal's webpages should be consulted.