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Editorial

In a world of change, journals as well as institutions are confronted both by the need to adapt, innovate and advance and by the sometimes conflicting need to maintain consistent policies and high standards. As *Mycorrhiza* enters its 11th volume, we would like to highlight changes in its editorial board, the continuing and the new features, and the journal's success.

The quality of *Mycorrhiza* and the whole of mycorrhiza science has been enhanced by the unselfish efforts of the editorial board. The members of the board, many of whom have served the journal faithfully since its inception, greatly assist the managing editors. We owe our sincere thanks to them all. Circumstances change, however, and we must now acknowledge the resignations of several members who have shared their expertise for so long: Anne E. Ashford, D. Joseph Bagyaraj, Valentin Furlan, Jan-Erik Nylund, R. Larry Peterson, David J. Read, C.P. Patrick Reid, Emmanuel Rincón and José Oswaldo Siqueira. We trust that these colleagues will nevertheless continue to contribute to the development of *Mycorrhiza* with reports of their own research results.

We are very pleased that new editorial advisors have agreed to devote their time and competence to advance the journal and our discipline. We welcome Alok Adholeya, Thomas Bruns, Jan V. Colpaert, Ingrid Kottke, Paulo Emilio Lovato, F. Andrew Smith, David M. Sylvia and María Valdés. We look forward to the new perspectives they will bring.

Several editorial board members have agreed to continue their invaluable contribution and strong support of the journal. We are grateful to Reinhard Agerer, Michael F. Allen, Ralph E.J. Boerner, Jean-Claude Debaud, Manuela Giovannetti, Maria J. Harrison, Kurt

Haselwandter, Hugues B. Massicotte, Peter A. McGee, Orson K. Miller, Randy Molina, Søren Rosendahl, Inez Tommerup and Chris Walker for both their past and future assistance with manuscripts submitted to *Mycorrhiza*.

The managing editors and the editorial board encourage high quality original research papers, synthetic reviews and Newscorner submissions. Particularly welcome are suggestions of topics to review or to see treated in a review, as well as items of interest for the Newscorner (announcements, news of events, and reviews of books, software or web sites). A new feature making its debut in the journal consists of companion pieces to particular research articles. Entitled "Commentary", this section will present short, invited articles explaining the general context of an original article in an area not widely known, or discussing and defining terms with several connotations or ambiguous usage. These articles may also express alternative interpretations or viewpoints. We hope that the "Commentary" feature will encourage and expand meaningful dialogue in our discipline.

Finally, we wish to highlight the increasing impact of *Mycorrhiza*. The CSI impact factor of the journal rose to 1.09 in 1999. This indication that articles are read and subsequently cited is especially gratifying for a relatively young, specialty journal like *Mycorrhiza*. We congratulate our editorial advisors, reviewers, and especially the authors of submitted works for attaining this level of distinction. We look forward to the engaging and stimulating volumes to come.

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