

## From the president

Beginning with this issue, *Mycoscience*, an official journal of the Mycological Society of Japan, is being published by Springer-Verlag and in a new format, aiming for prompt publication and worldwide circulation. On this memorable occasion, I would like to look back briefly on the history of the journal.

The Mycological Society of Japan (MSJ) was founded in Tokyo in 1956 with Shunsuke Kusano as president. In the same year, the first issue of the *Transactions of the Mycological Society of Japan* was published in the form of a small, 8-page pamphlet edited by Rokuya Imazeki. The journal grew steadily year by year, and in 1971, when it was in its twelfth volume of four issues, the total pages published during the year surpassed 200. After the twentieth volume, in 1979, the total pages of the journal reached 500 or more annually. In response to the situation, the society in 1994 issued a new journal, *Mycoscience*, starting from vol. 35, published quarterly for English papers. *Transactions* would continue to publish Japanese papers with English summaries. From volume 40 (1999), *Mycoscience* has been published bimonthly.

*Mycoscience*, which at present is open to MSJ members only, publishes original papers in various fields of study on fungi, covering research areas in both fundamental and applied mycology. Review articles and descriptions of new mycological techniques are also welcome.

I hope that many papers will be submitted to *Mycoscience*, and that the journal will achieve international recognition in mycological studies.

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