

NOVOSTI PRI REVIMI ACROCEPHALUS

What's new in Acrocephalus



Novi letnik 24 revije *Acrocephalus* začnemo z nekaj novostmi. Revija vsebinsko še vedno ostaja na starih utrjenih temeljih s svojo načrtano usmeritvijo, torej objavljanju ornitoloških raziskav z območja JV Evrope in vzhodnega Sredozemlja. Do sedaj je v enem letniku izšlo šest števil *Acrocephalus* v štirih zvezkih, dveh enojnih in dveh dvojnih. Po temeljitih premislekih in v dogovoru z izdajateljem revije, Društvom za opazovanje in proučevanje ptic Slovenije (DOPPS – BirdLife Slovenia), ter ob posvetu s člani uredniškega odbora sem se odločil, da obseg revije navidezno skrajšamo na štiri številke letno. To seveda ne pomeni vsebinskega krčenja, saj bomo še vedno izdali štiri zvezke na letnik, izognili se bomo le izdajanju dvojnih števil. Delo pri reviji bo zato lažje in transparentnejše.

Vsi dosedanja člani uredniškega odbora ostajajo pri reviji tudi naprej, sedanjemu naboru pa sta se z novim letnikom 24 (2003) pridružila še dva člana, dr. Jelena Kralj (HR) in Tomaž Mihelič, univ. dipl. inž. gozd. (SI). Dr. Jelena Kralj je ornitologinja, zaposlena na Zavodu za ornitologijo v Zagrebu, in z revijo *Acrocephalus* uspešno sodeluje že več let kot recenzentka. Zadnje čase v reviji objavljamo vse več člankov iz Hrvaške, samo v pričujoči številki dva članka in pet ornitoloških beležnic, zato bo pomoč hrvaških strokovnjakov pri vrednotenju objav v reviji nujna. Dr. Jelena Kralj se bo v uredniškem odboru revije pridružila dosedanjima hrvaškima članoma, uglednima kolegom hrvaške ornitologije, prof. dr. Josefu Mikuski in dr. Gordanu Lukaču. Drugi novinec v uredniškem odboru je Tomaž Mihelič, zaposlen kot koordinator Novega ornitološkega atlasa Slovenije v pisarni Društva za opazovanje in proučevanje ptic Slovenije, ki je pri reviji sodeloval že kot avtor in recenzent. Kot pomembno pridobitev v uredniškem odboru ocenjujem Miheličevo imenovanje tudi zato, ker smo tako pridobili novega člana iz gozdarske stroke, kot vemo, pa ravno gozdne ptice prihajajo danes v ospredje ornitoloških raziskav v Sloveniji. O tem pričajo tudi objave v reviji *Acrocephalus*.

Eden izmed ciljev razvoja revije *Acrocephalus* je tudi vstop v različne baze podatkov, s čimer se povečuje odmevnost objavljenih prispevkov v reviji. Tako se nam je z letom 2003 posrečilo vstopiti v ameriško bazo Raptor Information System, kjer so evidentirani prispevki s področja biologije ujed in sov. V bazo so zavedeni vsi članki o raziskavah ujed in sov, objavljeni v reviji *Acrocephalus* od leta 2000 dalje.

Z novim letnikom smo revidirali tudi navodila za avtorje, ki so objavljena na predzadnji strani platnice. Tokrat so navodila v slovenščini in angleščini, kar bo v pomoč tudi tujim avtorjem pri pripravi prispevkov za revijo. Ob tej priložnosti pozivam vse avtorje, da se kar se da držijo teh pravil, saj le ta olajšujejo delo urednika in sodelavcev. Na to marsikdaj avtorje opozorijo tudi recenzenti. Novost pri pravilih je morda ta, da naj bodo kratke notice odslej poslani v objavo le v elektronski obliki (na disketi ali po elektronski pošti na urednikov naslov), medtem ko prva oddaja članka v objavo ostaja še vedno v tiskani obliki v treh izvodih. Pri pripravi prispevkov je lahko avtorjem v veliko pomoč tudi pregled zadnjih števil *Acrocephalus*.

V juniju nas je iz Beograda obšla žalostna vest, da je v 90. letu starosti preminil dr. Sergej D. Matvejev, veliki mož ornitologije na območju JV Evrope. Dr. Matvejeva lahko označimo kot naslednika velikega raziskovalca ptic JV Evrope, dr. Otmarja Reiserja, saj denimo Matvejeve ptice Srbije predstavljajo peti del Reiserjeve Ornithologiae Balcanicae. Dr. Matvejev je bil tudi član uredniškega odbora revije *Acrocephalus* od njegove ustanovitve leta 1980 pa do leta 1995. Pričujočo številko *Acrocephalus* zato posvečamo spominu na življenje in delo dr. Sergeja D. Matvejeva, katerega življenjska vizija je bila raziskati ptičji svet Balkanskega polotoka in JV Evrope, ki nam je mnogim še danes velik izziv.

Although the new Volume 24 of *Acrocephalus* will bring certain changes with it, the journal is to remain on its old and solid foundations with its well traced out orientation, i.e. publication of ornithological investigations carried out in SE Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean. Till now, six numbers - two single and two double issues - have been published per volume, but upon serious reflection as well as in agreement with the journal's publisher, DOPPS – BirdLife Slovenia, and after a consultation with the members of the Editorial Board, I have decided to fictitiously reduce the number of the issues from six to four per year. This, of course, means no reductions as far as the journal's contents are concerned, for we shall still publish four numbers annually, but will merely avoid publication of double issues. The work within the journal will therefore be easier and no doubt more transparent.

The journal's Editorial Board will remain the same, except that with Volume 24 (2003) it will be joined by two new members, Dr Jelena Kralj (HR) and Tomaž Mihelič, BSc in Forestry (SI). Dr Kralj is an ornithologist, employed by the Institute of Ornithology in Zagreb, and has been successfully collaborating with *Acrocephalus* for a number of years as a peer reviewer. Lately, our journal has published more and more articles coming from Croatia – two articles and five notices From the ornithological notebook in the present number alone – which is the reason why a help by Croatian experts will be more than desired in the evaluation of the incoming texts. In our Editorial Board, Dr Jelena Kralj will join two already well-established Croatian members, reputable colleagues from the Croatian ornithology, Prof Dr Josef Mikuska and Dr Gordan Lukač. The other newcomer to the Editorial Board, Tomaž Mihelič, has already been collaborating with the journal as an author and article reviewer and is currently employed by the BirdLife Slovenia as a coordinator for the new Atlas of Breeding Birds of Slovenia. With Mr. Mihelič we have certainly gained an important member, for he is a forestry expert and, as we all know, forest birds are coming into the foreground of the ornithological research in Slovenia, as witnessed by the articles published in our journal.

One of the objectives as far as the development of *Acrocephalus* is concerned is its entry into various databases, through which the articles published in the journal will meet with a wider response. In 2003, we thus succeeded in entering the American Raptor Information System, in which contributions from the biology of birds of prey and owls are kept record of. The base also refers to all the articles on the research into birds of prey and owls published in *Acrocephalus* from 2000 onwards.

With the new volume we have revised the instructions to authors, printed on

the inside back cover. This time, the instructions will be given in English and in Slovene, which will be of great assistance to foreign authors during their preparation of articles for the journal. On this occasion I wish to appeal to all authors to stick as much as possible to these rules, for in this way they shall mitigate the work of the editor and his associates. Of this fact, the authors were in fact often reminded by the reviewers as well. The only thing that is perhaps new in this respect is that the short notices should be in future sent in electronic form only (on diskette or by e-mail to the Editor's address), while the first submission of an article to be published is to remain in printed form in three copies. A great help to the authors in their preparation of articles can also be a good look through the last few numbers of the journal *Acrocephalus*.

In June, sad news reached us from Belgrade that Dr Sergej D. Matvejev died in his 90th year, a great man of ornithology in the SE part of Europe. Dr Matvejev can be marked as a successor of Dr Otmar Reiser, the great bird researcher in SE Europe, for the fact is that Matvejev's *Birds of Serbia* constitute the fifth part of Reiser's *Ornis Balcanica*. Dr Matvejev, too, was a member of our journal's Editorial Board from its founding in 1980 till 1995. The present number of *Acrocephalus* is therefore dedicated to the life and work of Dr Sergej D. Matvejev, whose life vision was to thoroughly research the bird world of the Balkan Peninsula and Southeastern Europe, which is still a great challenge to us all.

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