

EDITORIAL

This is the first volume of *Acta Biologica Szegediensis* to be published by the University of Szeged, formed by the union of József Attila University, Albert Szent-Györgyi Medical University, the Juhász Gyula Teacher Training College, the College of Agriculture, the College for Food Industry, and the Ferenc Liszt Conservatoire on January 1, 2000. The Biological Research Center of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in Szeged retains close ties with the newly-formed University. The number of departments engaged in biomedical research has grown considerably. This has called for a complete overhaul of our biology journal, *Acta Biologica Szegediensis*, to reflect the changing times. From the many departments and institutes of the University of Szeged and of the Biological Research Center, we have brought on board as many new associate editors as seemed adequate, as representatives of the different fields of biomedical sciences in the range from clinicians to theoretical biologists.

With these changes, the *Acta* too has changed. The typeface and the overall external appearance, the typeface, style and layout of the internal text are new. We hope that your first impression is a good one, but we trust that you will be even more impressed as time goes by: we are dedicated to publishing the results of consistently good quality research. We hope that the *Acta* will provide a forum not only for the researchers and clinicians of our University, but also for a much wider scientific community, both in Hungary and abroad; we hope that we will serve our audience well. In

harmony with the changing times, *Acta Biologica Szegediensis* is now available on the Internet at <http://www.sci.u-szeged.hu/ABS>. The articles that appear in the online journal are identical to those in the printed copy. In addition, Tables of Contents for all past issues will be added to the web site.

This is also the first volume of *Acta Biologica Szegediensis* under the new editorial leadership. By the time you read this, the *Acta's* editorial office will have moved to the Department of Zoology and Cell Biology, and Lidia Bakota will have made her debut as Technical Editor.

As you know, Gyula L. Farkas, the former Editor, who served between 1981 and 1999, has retired. Under his leadership, the *Acta* matured not only as a premiere domestic forum for the publication of biomedical, anthropological and ecological research and methodology, but additionally as a journal with international partners and audience. You will be pleased to learn that Professor Farkas has agreed to remain associated with the *Acta* as one of the members of the Editorial Board and has taken over the difficult role, as guest editor, of organizing the material of the symposium on Hungarian anthropology in the 20th century that appears in this issue.

This is an exciting period in which to take the helm of *Acta*, and we are all excited about the challenges ahead of us. We, on the Editorial Board, sincerely hope that you will have an enjoyable and fruitful time while reading the first issue of *Acta* under the new editorial leadership.

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