

Editorial

New developments in the publication of *Pteridines*

In 1989, the journal *Pteridines* was initiated as the official periodical of the *International Society of Pteridinology* (ISP), 100 years after the first publication on pteridines by Nobel laureate Sir Gowland Hopkins (*Proceedings of the Chemical Society* 1989;5:117). Currently, *Pteridines* is in its 24th year of publication. The journal is devoted to bridging the gap between basic, chemical and clinical aspects of pteridines and publishes work in the fields of Unconjugated and Conjugated Pteridines, Biochemistry of Pteridines, Chemistry of Pteridines and Clinical Chemistry of Pteridines.

The founders of the journal were Professor Wolfgang Pfeleiderer, Konstanz, Germany (see publication list published in *Pteridines* 1998;9:123–38) and Professor Helmut Wachter, Innsbruck, Austria (†2012, see obituary published in *Pteridines* 2012;23:1 and a summary of his achievements on the occasion of his 80th birthday published in *Pteridines* 2009;20:113–4). Professor John A. Blair, Birmingham, UK (†2000, see obituary published in *Pteridines* 2000;11:73–5) was the first Editor-in-Chief.

Initially, *Pteridines* was published by De Gruyter, Berlin, Germany. In 1993, Jeongbin Yim, Seoul, Republic of Korea took over the Chief Editorship and the journal continued to be published by the Korean company Han-lim Printing Co. until 2000. Thereafter, Dr. Vojtech Parrak, Bratislava, Slovak Republic took charge of *Pteridines*. By the end of 2006, the production of the printed version of the journal was suspended and a web-based publication was launched. Starting in 2013, De Gruyter re-entered to publish the journal, and in addition to the online publication a print-on-demand version will become available. At the same time, Professor Dietmar Fuchs, Innsbruck, Austria has accepted responsibility as Editor-in-Chief of *Pteridines*.

Papers, reviews, mini-reviews, commentaries and opinions on controversial subjects will be published regularly. Online processing (<http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/dgpterid>) will guarantee competent and fair reviewing, as well as fast and high quality publication. Rapid evaluation of manuscripts will be performed, and every effort will be made to ensure that decisions on submitted manuscripts are available within 4 weeks. There are no page charges and no charges for color figures. Accepted papers are published ahead of print in an accelerated online-only format for immediate visibility within the scientific community: Please see www.degruyter.com/view/j/pteridines.

This first issue of *Pteridines* (volume 24) contains 19 articles based on presentations delivered at the *15th International Symposium on Pteridines and Folates*, held in Antalya, Turkey, May 9–13, 2012. It provides an overview of the whole field of current research on pteridines, which includes conjugated pteridines like folates and unconjugated pteridines like 5,6,7,8-tetrahydrobiopterin and neopterin, molybdopterin and their corresponding enzyme networks.

With the additional input of an experienced publishing house and the support of international researchers in the field, we are convinced that the new format and organization of *Pteridines* will contribute to its improved visibility and thus help to further the journal's reputation within the international scientific community.

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