

## EDITORIAL

### New Section: *Protist Genome Reports*



*Protist* announces a new section within the pages of the journal termed “*Protist Genome Reports*”. *Protist Genome Reports* (PGR) publishes articles reporting the availability of genome sequences of protists deposited in a repository available to the protist community. Manuscripts submitted to PGR will be peer-reviewed for appropriate content and handled by section editors. Manuscripts providing an in depth comparative analysis of protist genomes will not be considered in this section and should be submitted in the regular original paper category. PGR will consider articles that announce a draft nuclear genome of a protist. Organelle (plastid, mitochondrion) genome sequence(s) will only be considered in combination with the draft nuclear genome sequence. The protist, from which the nuclear genome sequence has been derived, must be deposited in a public culture collection and the strain number provided before publication. The manuscript should provide a brief rationale for sequencing the particular protist including relevant references, with an emphasis on the detailed methodologies and protocols used in the assembly, annotation, and quality evaluation of the genome sequence. Accession numbers for both raw reads and assemblies, should be provided with the submission. The report will not be considered for publication until public availability of the sequence has been verified. For organization, format and Instructions for Authors for PGR, the “Guide for Authors” on the *Protist* Website (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/protist>) should be consulted.

*Protist* remains dedicated to publish the best original research on protists, autotrophic and heterotrophic, including parasites. The Aims and Scope of the journal have not changed since its inauguration in 1998: *Protist* is the international forum for reporting substantial and novel findings in any area of research on protists. Criteria for acceptance of manuscripts are scientific excellence, significance and interest for a broad readership.

Some changes have taken place in the management and Editorial Board of the journal in 2019. Journal Manager Asif Iqbal Anwer Basha left in March and I would like to thank him for his dedicated service over the past three years. Asogan Magendran has taken over this responsibility and I welcome him as the new Journal Manager of *Protist*. Joseph Frankel retired from the Editorial Board after seven years of excellent service, many thanks Joe. I welcome two Chinese colleagues as section editors for *Protist Genome Reports*, Sibbo Wang (BGI Shenzhen) and Shifeng Cheng (Agricultural Genome Institute at Shenzhen, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences), and I wish them a successful start with the new section.

The Editor is again fortunate to take advantage of the dedication and hard work of *Protist's* Editorial Board, the publisher's staff and our expert reviewers. They as well as our authors and readers ensure that the journal remains a leading outlet for publication of original research about protists.

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