
EDITORIAL

Deeply saddened by the unexpected death of our Editor-in-Chief Sonia Machado de Campos Dietrich I take the task of writing this editorial. Marcos Buckeridge and Marcia Braga, with much feeling in her obituary, which is published in this issue, remembered the special person who was our colleague and friend Sonia Dietrich.

Few months ago Sonia Dietrich invited me to compose the board of directors of the *Sociedade Botânica de São Paulo* – SBSP, as Vice-President. She was a wonderful person to work with, enthusiastic, committed, and agreeable with a sensitive intelligence and gentle wit. Because of these special qualities and because I have had the privilege of knowing Sonia Dietrich for more than two decades, I accepted her kindly invitation. I never imagined that I would have to replace her as President of the SBSP in a period as short. Now, the task for us is to honor her memory and continue the courageous mission of revitalizing the society and especially the Brazilian Journal of Botany.

The significant improvements in its internationalization, publishing entirely in English from 2012, and signed to be published by Springer since 2013, was initiated and led by Sonia Dietrich, with the unconditional support of the editorial board of the BrazJBot, including managing editors, assistant editors, associate editors, publishing-supervisors, electronic-supervisors and editorial advisory board. We are looking for a new Editor-in-Chief, and we are sure that soon we will find the right person to continue this great challenge.

In this issue, there are seven papers, two concerning Systematics, Phylogeny and Floristics, while three focus on Ecology and Biogeography. There is also one paper on Biochemistry and Physiology and two short communications. We hope that as Sonia Dietrich pointed in the first issue of this volume published totally in English, our intention is convert the Brazilian Journal of Botany into a truly international journal and important reference in world Plant Science.

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