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## ANNOUNCEMENT

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As President of the Botanical Society of São Paulo, I am pleased to announce that Professor Antonio Salatino is the new Editor-in-Chief of the Brazilian Journal of Botany. Professor Salatino succeeds Professor Sonia Dietrich, who held the post for the last years, but unfortunately passed away peacefully while sleeping in August, 2012, as communicated in the third fascicle of volume 35.

Professor Salatino is a full Professor at the Institute of Biosciences of University of São Paulo. He holds a

PhD in Botany from the University of São Paulo. He conducted Post-doctoral studies at the Universities of Texas (Austin) and Athens (Georgia). Prof. Salatino was head of department and coordinator of graduate program in the Department of Botany. He has published over 100 papers in peer-reviewed journals. His expertise is in the areas of Ecology, with emphasis in Applied Ecology, Applied Botany, Chemistry and Molecular Systematics.

Ribeirão Preto, November 12, 2012

*Carlos A. Martinez y Huaman*  
President  
Botanical Society of São Paulo

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## EDITORIAL

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It is with enthusiasm that I am joining the team of the Editorial Board of Brazilian Journal of Botany (BrazJBot). A few months ago I received an invitation to take the position of Editor-in-Chief by our unforgettable friend Sonia Dietrich. Recently, a new invitation was sent forward and then I decided to join efforts with the dedicated colleagues of the Editorial Board. Many thanks are due to them for the confidence they are relying upon my cooperation to cross this phase of transition of the journal, hopefully to more fruitful and rewarding horizons. On my part, I am relying upon the experience and constant support of the Managing and Assistant Editors, publishing and electronic supervisors, as well as upon the cooperation of the Advisory Board and support from the Botanical Society of São Paulo, CNPq and Fapesp.

The present issue covers a wide diversity of botany subjects: lignin metabolism, metabolism of storage

carbohydrates, proteinase activity, crown architecture and irradiance, seed physiology, physiology and ecology of algae, taxonomy of cyanobacteria, floristics of aquatic macrophytes and conservation areas.

The changes in the editorial policies now in course and the extraordinary benefit stemming from the publication of the issues through Springer Verlag starting 2013 will certainly make sure that we will enjoy a new period of internationalization of BrazJBot. This means not only the maintenance of the coverage of all aspects of Botany but also a substantial increase in the possibilities of submission of papers by researchers from a diversity of countries. The fulfillment of this aim means the crystallization of one of the dearest dreams of Sonia Dietrich, the Botanical Society of São Paulo and the Brazilian Botany community.

São Paulo, November 30, 2012

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