

## EDITORIAL

Dear readers and colleagues,

It is my pleasure to inform you that, for the first time in five years, the impact factor of the Belgian Journal of Zoology has increased, to 0.531!

This has mainly been achieved by a strong selection process, filtering out unsuitable papers before refereeing. As a consequence, we have less but better papers that are published.

I also take the opportunity of the good news on the impact factor to invite you to submit your manuscripts to our journal. The Belgian Journal of Zoology welcomes reviews, opinion papers, research papers and short notes in all areas of Zoology with a focus on biodiversity and adaptations. We also consider negative results for publication. Please bear in mind that research papers should be hypothesis-driven. We can guarantee a fast, professional reviewing process and publication of your papers, with free open access. I have just handled our 938<sup>th</sup> submission. It would be great if we could reach 1000 submissions soon, before our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year.

I am very much looking forward to receiving your submissions.

Isa Schön

Editor-in-Chief