

Micologia Italiana
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Editorial

It is not easy, but it is time to renew the journal founded in 1972 by Gabriele Goidanich and Gilberto Govi. We had the fortune to have them as teachers at the Agriculture Faculty of Bologna University (Italy), respectively professor of Plant Pathology and Mycology. In these more than forty years, a lot of changes occurred in the *Fungi* knowledge, a lot of aspects were cleared, however a lot of aspects remain to be cleared. Our journal passed through contrasting phases. We decided that it is time to change. We have worked to make a free and open access journal in English language, since we believe that it is essential for Italian mycologists, and plant pathologists working on fungal diseases, to overcome the limitations determined by publishing in Italian language. We hope, therefore, that also Authors from other countries will publish their contributions in our journal for a better understanding of the rich and complex world of the fungi. We thank all the members of the editorial board and the managing editor for sharing with us this new “adventure”. A lot of them have been friends of the journal for a long time, and we thank them for their fundamental support. Some are new friends, and we thank them for their new competences. Welcome to Susanna Badalyan, Tom Evans, Alan Feest and Claude Murat, friends from other countries. We are well aware that our goal will not be reached with the release of this issue. We will be able to claim to have reached our goal when the journal will be consolidated in the international mycological world. We need the time and the energy of mycologists and plant pathologists, also from other countries, for the construction of the new journal. We know that there are important academic journals, also published in Italy, on fungal subject, and we hope that it will be possible to cohabit with them. The journal has neither article processing charges nor submission processing fees, and this could be a stimulus for young researchers, in sensu lato, to diffuse the data produced in their studies.

In conclusion, welcome and good luck to Micologia italiana (Italian Journal of Mycology)