

Italian Journal of Mycology
formerly micologia Italiana

Change of editor in chief

A written text, of whatever nature it is, makes sense, lives and survives in time, if there is someone who reads it, the "reader", which could not be if there had not been someone who wrote such text, the "writer".

We deeply feel the desire to address our gratitude to "readers" and "writers" who have contributed, with their technical and scientific articles, to the "birth" and growth of "Micologia Italiana" (the first name of journal) which we were responsible since the death of one of its founders, Prof. Gilberto Govi, in 2002. Without their contributions, in writing and reading, nothing would have followed.

"Micologia Italiana" was founded in 1972 by Professors Gabriele Goidanich and Gilberto Govi, of the University of Bologna; Prof. Govi served as director until 2002. He made a long way, embracing the issues of mycology and plant pathology, complex disciplines that are interconnected each other and with other biological and biotechnological disciplines; these issues were brought to knowledge from "writer" to the "reader", with deep methodological and scientific rigor.

Micologia Italiana was the official journal of the Italian Mycological Union until 2016, then it was entrusted to the Department of Agricultural and Food Sciences of the University of Bologna.

The journal, like many other journals, has experienced difficult moments, which have led to important transformations in order to shape it more and more as a "scientific journal". These changes allowed the journal to obtain the ISI certification and, ultimately, to become an "open access" journal, published in english. This transformation also involved the change of journal's original title: from "Micologia Italiana" into "Italian Journal of Mycology".

We always worked in compliance with Prof. Govi's vision, and respecting every author who sent his own contribution to the journal; manuscripts were always evaluated by external, independent reviewers selected by members of the Editorial Board, to whom we owe our gratitude for the hard work they have done with commitment and dedication.

We are equally aware that more could have been done and more will be certainly done by those who will undertake the journal, one of the oldest in Italy.

A heartfelt thanks goes to Pàtron publishing house which for many years published our journal, even if navigating in difficult waters, but never abandoning us.

We thank Angelo Macrì, who always trusted in this journal, for his invaluable help in publishing.

The words above make it very clear that Gloria Innocenti, always close to Prof. Govi, and Alessandro Ragazzi, called to contribute to the journal by Prof. Govi, now come to retirement, have decided to leave to others the responsibility of the journal, so that new ideas and new "sap" might permit the journal to rise more and more to an international standard and to achieve its own "Impact factor", a parameter nowadays fundamental to prove the value of a journal, of a published manuscript and of the work of a researcher behind it.

Editing this journal was an experience that enriched us, cemented friendships, opened our minds to many questions, but "*Everything has its moment, and every event has its time under heaven*" (Qoelet, Chapter 3) and, therefore, the time has come, for us, to leave.

We welcome Alessandra Zambonelli, University of Bologna, as new editor in chief.

Gloria Innocenti

Alessandro Ragazzi