
Editorial

In 2014, the Russian Far East Malacological Society (RFEMS) celebrated the 20th anniversary of its establishment. We held an international conference, *Mollusks of the Eastern Asia and Adjacent Seas*, October 6–8, 2014, in Vladivostok, Russia, with participation of more than 30 scientists from Russia, Japan, and Korea. We published a jubilee issue of our journal (Vol. 18) (*Prozorova L.A. Twenty years of mollusk study in the Russian Far East (the anniversary of the Far East Malacological Society) // Bulletin of the Far Eastern Branch, Russian Academy of Sciences*. 2014. N 6. P. 193–196).

This meeting was the third of its kind in the Russian Far East; previous meetings were held in 1998 and 2004. Since the 2004 meeting and the 10th anniversary of the RFEMS, we have greatly expanded the coverage and contents of our journal, and improved its quality. We published many more color photographs and papers on mollusks, not only of Russia, its European, Siberian and eastern parts, but also of Japan, China, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Korea, and India. Since Vol. 14, 2010, we have also started a new section, *History of Malacology*. Our authors for the last ten years have been from Russia, Denmark, China, Poland, and Ukraine. Some issues contained the largest number of pages ever published: 249 pages (Vol. 9, 2005) and 268 pages (Vol. 17, 2013).

We will continue to accept and publish papers on all topics of malacology, history of science, information on the RFEMS members and malacologists of the Asia-Pacific region, obituaries, and reports and book reviews. Since 2015, our journal (*Bulletin of the Russian Far East Malacological Society*) will be published mostly electronically. However, a limited number of copies (50–100) will be printed in black-and-white to be distributed among libraries; previously we published 300 hard copies; in color since 2001 (vol. 5). Our journal will continue to be a fully open-access, peer-reviewed journal. All published articles in the *Bulletin of the RFEMS* are available for download by any person with internet access, completely free of charge. Our Russian home page is available at: <http://rfems.dvo.ru/index.php/ru/rfems-menu-ru/rfems-bulletin-menu-ru>; our English home page: <http://rfems.dvo.ru/index.php/en/rfems-menu-en/rfems-bulletin-menu-en>.

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