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The first issue of Willdenowia in 2014 brings some positive changes. First of all, instead of two issues per year there are now three: in April, August and December. The online edition (currently hosted by IngentaConnect, see http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/bgbm/will) mirrors the print edition, with individual articles grouped into issues (numbers), which are in turn grouped into volumes. Articles are identical in both editions except for the ISSN and some colour illustrations being reproduced in greyscale in the print edition.

The other, much more important change is that, on 27 February 2014, the very first fast-track article was published in the online edition of Willdenowia. It was followed, on various dates from 6–20 March, by the remaining 13 articles included in the April issue. Thus new articles are now published individually online in advance of their inclusion in the next issue.

From 2014 onwards, the precise date (i.e. the day) of publication of each article is included in the abstract of the article itself. This is now possible because the fast-track articles are published within seconds of being uploaded to IngentaConnect. To avoid any possible confusion that might arise from articles having different years of publication in the online and print editions, articles destined for inclusion in the April issue will not be published as fast-track articles before 1 January of the same year.

Each fast-track article is designated as the "version of record", a standard term. This means that the content of the fast-track article is final and will not be changed, including when the article is moved from the fast-track section to a newly completed numbered issue of the online edition.

Special emphasis is placed on the pagination of the fast-track articles. It is final upon publication. In other words, it is not a preliminary pagination and it does not change when the article is subsequently included in the numbered issue. Thus it is possible to cite the article, or anything within it, as soon as it is published, and that citation will remain correct indefinitely. The articles in the print edition therefore appear in the order in which they are published rather than being arranged into subject categories, although those categories still appear in the table of contents on the back cover. This seemingly random order is regarded as a small price to pay to avoid the inconvenience and confusion that could result from preliminary pagination.

It is now possible for Willdenowia to publish your research very rapidly, assuming peer-review is positive and not unduly delayed, and assuming the manuscript is well written and carefully follows the instructions for authors (see http://www.bgbm.org/de/node/702). I welcome the submission of suitable articles.

Nicholas J. Turland
Editor of Willdenowia
BGBM, Berlin, 21 March 2014

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