

Acknowledgment to associate editors and referees 2016

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We fully recognize that sustaining the journal's quality and international standard would not be possible without the expertise and effort of our associate editors and reviewers.

The full list of our editors with their affiliation and expertise is available on the web site of Marine Biology and in the print volumes. We are very grateful for the time and effort our associate editors invest for Marine Biology. They process the manuscripts assigned to them with great diligence.

We would like to especially thank the Guest Editors of the Topical Collection 'Invasive Species' Elizabeta Briski and Farrah Chan. They have pre-reviewed 84 submitted manuscripts and also processed a considerable part of them. Elisabeta Briski joined the editorial board of Marine Biology as an associate editor in between. Several associate editors have also contributed to the Topical Collection by processing manuscripts in their fields. The Topical Collection 'Invasive Species' is completed now and comprises 51 published articles.

More than 800 experts accepted the invitation to review one or even more articles for Marine Biology in 2016. We are very grateful to all these colleagues, as we are fully aware that only their sense of obligation does allow publication of high-quality papers. Supportive, constructive and qualified reviews do not only facilitate inexperienced

authors to publish their work in prestigious journals, but may also improve the manuscripts of experienced authors. Furthermore, the reviewers' confidential comments help the editors to make fair decisions. Last but not least, we are happy to have recruited new associate editors from our best reviewers.

Marine Biology offers reviewers the option to have their names printed on the publication, if the manuscript is accepted. Many reviewers liked to disclose their identity; in addition, the annual list of all people who reviewed at least one article is published.

The list provided as electronic supplement contains the names of all colleagues who reviewed articles in 2016 and the number of reviews they submitted (re-reviews included). This list has been compiled electronically and checked with great diligence. Nevertheless, we would be very sorry about any missing or misspelled names.

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