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Editorial

## Moving forward



In the first editorial of the *Review of Palaeobotany and Palynology*, A.A. Maten, the Editor-in-Chief, explained the need for the creation of a new journal by addressing “*the struggle for understanding*” that in his own words is “one of the main problems with which present-day science has to cope” (*Rev. Palaeobot. Palynol.*, 1: 9–10). Clearly, Maten knew about the importance of scientific communication and he hoped that the new journal would “bridge the gaps between the various branches of palynology, between micro-and macropalaeobotany, between palaeobotany and geology.”

There is no doubt that the *Review* is one of the leading scientific journals for anyone interested in the subdisciplines of Plant Evolution thanks to the contributions of the authors and reviewers that made and make the journal what it is today. But as a scientific community we cannot forget the generous work of the members of the Editorial Board, whose role is sometimes forgotten. Although the work of the Editorial Board (also known as the Advisory Board) occurs mostly behind curtains, it is fundamental for the health and wealth of the journal because its members advise the editors-in-chief on policy and scope, identification of complex publishing ethics, and relevant scientific topics, among other issues.

This past year the following members of the board, Sergio Archangelsky, Hermann Behling, Clinton Foster, Jean Galtier, Rex Harland, Madeline Harley, Florentin Paris, and Wilson Taylor, stepped down after many years of service. We are especially in debt to Dr. Sergio Archangelsky, who was the only member of the

first Editorial Board, for all his wise advise and frequent voice on scholarship during 54 years of service to the journal. We are extremally grateful for their commitment to the Review. We give all of them our most sincere appreciation!

We take this opportunity to present the new members of the board Viviana Barreda, Brigitte Meyer-Berthaud, Georgina del Fueyo, Patricia Gensel, and Encarni Montaya. Thank you for accepting to be part of this rewarding endeavor.

As a community, we have come a long way since the first editorial in 1967. However, it is evident, we are still facing the “*struggle for understanding*” as each one of us dives into our own research projects and becomes aware that we know very little about past and current life on Earth. It is our hope that the articles published in the journal, encompassing the work of authors, reviewers, Editorial Board members, and guest editors, will make a difference in understanding our always evolving world. Maten’s editorial was titled “WHERE ARE WE GOING” and the answer is quite simple: ALWAYS FORWARD.

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