

Editorial

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the inception of the *Archives of Polish Fisheries* was in 2017. The journal was founded in 1992 by the then director of the Inland Fisheries Institute in Olsztyn; however, the history of a fisheries journal in Poland is much longer. The journal published by the Institute draws its pedigree from the journal published in the 1920s – the *Archiwum Rybactwa Polskiego* (*Archives of Polish Fisheries*). The journal was first published twice a year and since its inception has been published in English. Initially, the journal was of interest to fisheries scientists from various universities and institutions in Poland. In time, the journal began to publish the work of authors from abroad, who, in recent years, dominate among those whose articles are published in the journal. Over the years the frequency of publication has changed, as has its layout. Several different editors have steered the journal over the years, and topics and methods in fisheries science have changed continually. The original name of the journal has been kept for many years, but it has become outdated over time. This is why, twenty-five years after the inception of the journal, it is time to change its name so it reflects its contemporary content and international character. **We would like to announce that from 2018 the name of the journal *Archives of Polish Fisheries* will be changed to *Fisheries & Aquatic Life*.**

The name of the journal to date suggests that its contents refer exclusively to Polish fisheries even though this has not been the case for many years. The new name of the journal will indicate its openness and it will underscore the significance of the aquatic environment to fisheries science in the broadest sense. The aim of changing the journal's name is to adapt it to better reflect the range of topics addressed

in the articles published and to widen journal readership. Statistics of the geographic origin of authors who submit articles to the editorial office clearly indicate that the recruitment of scientific works is global, and throughout its publishing history, the journal has presented the work of scientists from 41 countries.

While the scientific profile of *Fisheries & Aquatic Life* will change slightly, it is our aim to maintain continuity in publishing a journal that is interesting to the wider fisheries science community, while maintaining our dedication to expedient publishing times and to the global dissemination of high quality research results. Submissions that combine the separate areas of fisheries science, aquaculture, and aquatic science will be given precedence with the aim of increasing the conceptual understanding of processes that require an interdisciplinary approach. We would like to promote the work of young scientists who are just beginning their scientific careers. The aim of *Fisheries & Aquatic Life* is to facilitate the exchange of ideas in all areas of fisheries science, but not only. The type of submissions will remain the same as in recent years, and the journal will continue publishing monographs, review articles, original research articles, and short communications regarding fisheries science and related aquatic science topics within the broadest understanding of this term from basic to applied research. This has been the aim of the journal since its inception, and this will remain its aim into the future.

The new electronic platform of *Fisheries & Aquatic Life* will not be launched, for technical reasons, until January 2019. Changes in the procedures for reviewing submissions and publication will not be perceptible to authors or referees. In the

meantime, authors will be informed of the change in the name of the journal.

The decision to change the name of the journal was not taken lightly, but the new title will make the journal more recognizable to the international scientific community. It is our desire that the change in the title of the journal will increase interest within the scientific community as a site for publishing the results of international research. To conclude, we would like to extend our gratitude to the numerous members of the Editorial Board for their support of

the journal. Our publishing efforts would not have been possible without the hundreds of referees who have reviewed articles submitted to the journal. Lastly, we would also like to express our thanks to the many authors who have chosen to publish the results of their studies in our pages. It is our hope that with its new name the journal will be an attractive forum for publishing interesting articles on scientific studies and that its impact will grow along with a widening circle of readers.

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