

## **Editorial**

This volume compiles 12 papers from the Fourth International Symposium of the International Research Group on Charophytes (IRGC), held in Robertson, Australia, 24-26 September 2004.

During the First Symposium held in Montpellier in 1989, IRGC was formed, and since then it has actively pursued and supported scientific research involving charophytes and the collaboration of its members. The diversity of our research is clearly represented in this volume, which includes novel research on taxonomy, ecology, experimentation, pollutants, biophysics, molecular analyses, Quaternary, Miocene and Devonian studies.

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