

## Éditorial

This issue of *Cryptogamie, Bryologie* is devoted to the memory of Riclef Grolle, well-known German hepaticologist, who passed away in June 2004. Answering with enthusiasm to the proposition of Jochen Heinrichs, Associate Editor, long-standing friends and students of Grolle have accepted to do homage to his friendly scientific relationships. All of them acknowledge his role in their understanding of Hepaticae, his help in the identification of many collections, as Hélène Bischler has yet reminded in the last issue of *Cryptogamie, Bryologie*.

After a short evocation of the Grolle's career and work (included a complete list of his publications) by Hans-Joachim Zündorf, Hermann Manitz and S. Robbert Gradstein, fifteen authors proposed eleven articles on hepatics, of which four describe new species dedicated to Riclef : *Prionolejeunea grollei* Ilkiu-Borges et Schäfer-Verwimp, *Diplasiolejeunea riclefgrollei* Schäfer-Verwimp, *Syzygiella riclefii* Pocs, and *Pachyglossa grolleana* Váňa. Three other new species are described for this occasion: *Riccia mamrensis* Perold, *Chiloscyphus gremmenii* Váňa and *Kurzia moniliformis* Engel; this last taxon belonging to a genus whose taxonomy had been reviewed by Grolle himself.

Nomenclatural topics, in which Grolle has developed a careful approach, are illustrated with *Taxilejeunea* by M. Elena Reiner-Drehwald and with *Syzygiella* by Henk Groth & Jochen Heinrichs. These three young authors are largely indebted to Grolle for his invaluable advice in their studies of Lejeuneaceae and Plagiochilaceae. The hepatic flora of Heard Island (Jiri Váňa and Nick Gremmen), the new records for the Himalayan hepatic flora (David Long), the revision of *Ceratolejeunea* in China (Riu-Liang Zhu *et al.*) correspond to the Grolle's interest for the distribution of Hepatics.

Coming after the colloquium held at Jena in November 2004, this issue is a testimony of our deep respect to our friend, Riclef Grolle.

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