EDITORIAL NOTE

Beginning with Volume 33 (1980), this journal has changed its title to "Helgoländer Meeresuntersuchungen", thereby shortening its former name "Helgoländer wissenschaftliche Meeresuntersuchungen" for bibliographical reasons. Published since 1894, the first issue appeared under the title "Wissenschaftliche Meeresuntersuchungen – Abteilung Helgoland". From 1937 to 1979 it was published by the Biologische Anstalt Helgoland (BAH) as "Helgoländer wissenschaftliche Meeresuntersuchungen". Originally, the journal was largely restricted to the publication of research performed at the BAH. As a result of the increasing, worldwide emphasis on marine sciences, the journal opened its pages to contributions from scientists employed elsewhere. In addition, it served as a platform for the proceedings of the International Helgoland Symposia organized by the BAH. We sincerely hope that the journal, modernized in its format, will continue its long and successful tradition in presenting important publications on marine biology and related disciplines.