

Changes – A word from the Editor

“Helgoland Marine Research” is a journal of long tradition, now completely relaunched.

Its first issue was released more than a hundred years ago, way back in 1894, under the title “Wissenschaftliche Meeresuntersuchungen – Abteilung Helgoland”. In 1937, it changed its name to “Helgoländer wissenschaftliche Meeresuntersuchungen”, shortened to “Helgoländer Meeresuntersuchungen” in 1979, published by the Biologische Anstalt Helgoland (BAH).

Originally, the contents of the journal were largely restricted to papers describing the research performed at BAH as well as to papers given at the regularly held International Helgoland Symposia. However, as interest in marine biological systems increased on a worldwide scale, the journal was opened up in the 1960s to contributions of scientists from all over the world.

In 1998, the BAH became part of the Foundation Alfred-Wegener-Institute for Polar and Marine Research (AWI), Bremerhaven, Germany. In the course of this development last year, the international authorship

of the journal made it desirable to entrust a large scientific publisher with a worldwide network with its publication and distribution. Thus, an agreement was reached with Springer-Verlag, Berlin Heidelberg New York to publish the journal as of this volume under the new title “Helgoland Marine Research”, entirely in English, in a new format and layout, with a new Editorial Board, and with a full-text electronic edition accessible through Springer-Verlag’s LINK information system (<http://link.springer.de>).

The editors and the publisher are proud to continue the long and successful tradition of this journal in publishing important contributions to all aspects of marine biology and related fields of research. Both will make every effort to serve the scientific community best by ensuring a rapid publication of high scientific content.

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