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Dear Colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce you to a new journal in the field of Evolutionary Biology, the editorship of which I have been delighted to accept. Currently, there are not many journals of general scope on Evolutionary Biology, and I believe that the extensive scientific community working in this area will benefit from the launching of *The Open Evolution Journal* (TOEVOLJ).

Evolutionary Biology is a permanently active field of biological research that encompasses, as do few others, new theoretical trends, new empirical discoveries, novel experimental methods and fieldwork. The theory of evolution is more alive and dynamic than ever and is the foundation underlying numerous fields of Biological Sciences as well as of thought in general.

TOEVOLJ comes into being at a particularly suitable moment as in 2009 we will again celebrate Darwin, commemorating the publication of *Origin*.

The journal's perdurability over time will be determined by the quality and variety of the works on evolutionary biology published therein. The members of the editorial board, which comprises a good representation of professionals from almost all the areas of evolutionary biology, and whose number will increase in the near future, constitute the greatest guarantee of its success. The responsibility of the decision for accepting works will rest on the editor-in-chief and will be based on the assessment made, normally, by two members of the board as well as by other referees chosen from a broad data-base that the editorial possesses on the professional profiles of scientists working on biological evolution.

We aim to achieve speedy publication. The journal will be published on-line, following a similar format to all journals within the Bentham group, within a series under the name *Open* and at a competitive price compared to other editorial offers, specifically: Letters, (\$600), Research Articles (\$800), Mini-Review Articles (\$600) and Review Articles (\$900). Instructions for the submission of works can be found at <http://www.bentham.org/open/toevolj>.

Sincerely,

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