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Editorial

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Dear readers!

Since we started this journal three years ago, we've received a large amount of positive feedback, as well as some critical comments and questions such as:

- Why have you created such a journal?
- What are the benefits of a new journal on bioarchaeology?
- Is there a need for a journal devoted primarily to the study of ancient teeth and jaws?
- How can such a new and unknown journal compete with other renowned journals in this field?
- How can we avoid publishing substandard papers?

In response to these concerns, I would like to draw the reader's attention to several facts relevant to understanding the importance of creating and publishing a journal like this one:

- *The Bulletin of the International Association for Paleontology* is focused primarily on paleontology - a specific part of bioarchaeology. This is the only journal devoted especially to this field of science.
- *The Bulletin of the International Association for Paleontology* is an interdisciplinary journal that invites and welcomes contributions from the areas of anthropology, bioarchaeology, paleontology and related fields.
- The editorial office of the *Bulletin of the International Association for Paleontology* is ready to help young and inexperienced researchers to present their investigations to the scientific community.
- *The Bulletin of the International Association for Paleontology* is published electronically in open access, implementing the advantages of online publishing like: international range, high speed, additional possibilities and lower costs.

An increasing number of readers and authors, as well as progressive inclusion of the *Bulletin of the International Association for Paleontology* in bibliographic databases are all strong evidence that we are on the right track to building a recognizable and high quality journal.

Finally, I would like to thank the various people who have made launching the *Bulletin of the*

International Association for Paleontology a successful and I hope that they will continue to support us in establishing it as a recognizable paleontological journal. Special thanks to the authors, who have been willing to submit their work to a new and unknown journal.

Now it is my pleasure to introduce you the new issue of the *Bulletin of the International Association for Paleontology*. In this issue you can read about an ongoing project entitled “Physical Anthropology and Legislation: European Perspectives and Beyond”. The aim of this project is to provide an overview of current practice and legislation regarding the excavation and study of archaeological human remains in different countries. Also, we bring forth two interesting papers: one about the skeletal remains of two women who died during the occupation of Tver city (Russia) by German troops from October to December, 1941, and another about caries correction factors applied to a Punic population from Ibiza (Spain). The most important recent bioarchaeological findings from the whole world are presented in the “Around the world” column.

I hope you will enjoy this issue.

Sincerely,

Marin Vodanović

Editor in Chief