

EDITORIAL

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The annual meeting of the Czech Chapter of International Association for Landscape Ecology held in February 2015 at Mendel University in Brno, was devoted to centenarian birth anniversary of prof. Emil Hadač, one of the founders of the Czech Landscape Ecology, the first director of the Institute of Landscape Ecology, Czech Academy of Sciences (established in 1971). The aim of the meeting was to summarize the contemporary state of landscape ecology in the Czech Republic.

The articles published in this and the next issue of the Journal of Landscape Ecology were presented at above mentioned meeting and were selected as a cross-sectional overview of individuals and institutes involved in landscape ecological research.

A research organisation fully focusing on landscape ecological research is missing in the Czech Republic. There are only Silva Tarouca's Research Institute for Landscape and Gardening (under the Ministry of Environment, Průhonice) and the Institute for Geonics of the Czech Academy of Sciences (Ostrava, Brno), which partially develop the landscape ecology as a consistent branch of science. Thus the main brunt of responsibility for branch development lies on the shoulders of universities.

Nevertheless, as you can see in next two issues of the Journal, the Czech Landscape Ecology is dealing with various up to date important topics, it is developing different landscape ecological „schools“ and methodological lines of thought.

I would like to wish to the Czech Landscape Ecology and ecologists many successes in the national and international field of work and better conditions and support to their work in near and far future!

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