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“Photosynthetica” in its eighth five-year period

In this period volumes 40 to 44 were published, each contained 640 pages and indexes. Part of issue 3 of volume 43 (2005) contained papers presented at the minisymposium “Chlorophyll Fluorescence in Life of a Man and Plants” which was dedicated to Pavel Šiffel, an untimely deceased Czech biophysicist and researcher of chlorophyll.

The Editorial Board lost in the period 2002–2006 one of its members, serving on the board of *Photosynthetica* from the very beginning, André Pirson (for obituary see *Photosynthetica* **42**: 321-322, 2004). One member resigned on his service on the Board because of retirement (H.K. Lichtenhaller), another one because of lack of time (J.-M. Ducruet). Eight new members started to serve on the Board in this period: T. Janda (from vol. 41), B. Gielen, A. Post, A. Telfer, and Z. Tuba (from vol. 42), C. Buschmann and L. Gratani (from vol. 43), and P. Mohanty (from vol. 44). Starting with volume 44 *Photosynthetica* has also an Executive Editor, Ivana Štětinová. Full texts of *Photosynthetica* papers can be found regularly on internet.

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The total number of published reviews, original full-length papers, and brief communications was 434. The members of the Editorial Board rejected in the respective period 126 manuscripts, which was 31.3 % of all articles sent to the journal. Very rarely a paper was published without modifying it by the authors according to the comments of members of our Editorial Board.

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