

Editorial

For the 20th anniversary issue of the *Archives of Polish Fisheries*

The *Archives of Polish Fisheries* (APF) is a scientific journal published by the Inland Fisheries Institute in Olsztyn. We are proud to have published in the APF over 500 articles written by more than 400 different authors from 31 countries since 1992. In its first years from 1992 to 1993, the APF was published once annually, while two volumes were published each year from 1994 to 2006. Beginning in 2007, the journal became a quarterly. The topics covered in the journal include the entire range of fish biology, fisheries, and aquaculture, and the formats in which these topics are discussed include research articles, short communications, reviews, and monographs. Occasionally, conference and symposium proceedings are published if they are relevant and timely.

The first volume of the APF presented articles that focused on evaluating the size structure and selectivity of fish catches; the impact water temperature has on fecundity and the quality of vendace eggs; mortality and cannibalism among pike larvae; feeding juvenile rainbow trout supplemented feed; the bioaccumulation of heavy metals; and the effects of stocking sea trout. Subsequent volumes of the journal included articles that contributed to a fuller understanding of topics such as fish biology, reproduction and rearing in recirculating aquaculture systems, managing fish populations, and ecotoxicology. Several thematic volumes have been published that focus on a chosen fish species or a specific research interest. The volume on the eel is

of particular merit, and three of the publications chosen for this anniversary issue of the APF are from it. One of the issues published in 2011 comprised a series of articles on the lake minnow, which has a wide range of occurrence but which is found in isolated relict populations in the west where it is endangered (Kusznierz et al. 2011).

The contents of this volume were selected from among the most significant, widely-read articles from the APF, and they demonstrate the diversity of topics the journal has published over the past twenty years. The biology and ecology of fish is represented by the articles on the age and migration patterns of glass eel (Désaunay et al. 1996), otolith growth in eel (Holmgren and Wickström 1996), and predatory fish growth (Argillier et al. 2003, Horoszewicz and Backiel 2003). Three publications discuss issues regarding the feeding and rearing of larval and juvenile fish stages (Zakęś 1999, Myszkowski et al. 2002, Harzevili et al. 2004). Two articles focus on processes linked with maintaining fish populations and decreases in eel catches in Europe (Moriarty 1996), and the increasing distribution in the Vistula River basin of the invasive Amur sleeper (Terlecki and Pałka 1999). In choosing the articles that appear in this volume, we omitted those from the past five years since they are readily available through open access. Publication of the journal through open access began in 2007, while from 2008 the APF has been published electronically in cooperation with Versita,

which provides quick and easy access to readers from all over the world. The number of services indexing the APF has also grown.

Many changes were implemented at the journal in 2012, including a double-blind peer review process. Along with the anniversary issue of the APF, an electronic article submission system was implemented, which we hope will speed editorial work and shorten the publication process.

Publishing the *Archives of Polish Fisheries* for twenty years would not have been possible without the great numbers of authors, reviewers, and other staff engaged in editorial work. We would like to take this opportunity to offer all of them our sincere thanks.

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