

## Editorial

With this edition we have changed the editorial look and the name of the journal, translating “Annali di Microbiologia ed Enzimologia” which were the last words left in Italian.

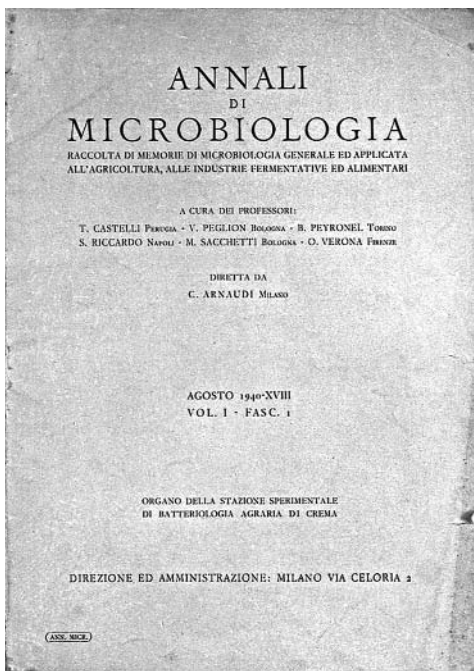
Also the composition of the Scientific board is being transformed to include scientists from other countries, both European and non-European. Furthermore, as well as the National network of Italian referees we are also developing an international network, scientists very competent in their various fields, to further improve the scientific content of the journal.

Our objective is to develop this journal and turn it into an instrument for the comparison and exchange, at an international level, of aspects concerning environmental, food, general, industrial, marine and soil microbiology and biotechnology.

The new title “Annals of Microbiology” is not significantly different from the old title, more an abbreviated translation of the old, but such a change is aimed at renewing the journal, giving it new life, expanding the circulation to include other readers and users, and go beyond the old frontiers that should no longer exist, especially from the scientific point of view. Note, however, that we do not want to lose any past achievements or work that has been done.

The “Annali di Microbiologia ed Enzimologia” has a history of 60 years of publications and, though it has, till recent years, been only at the national level, it has promoted scientific discussion and stimulated both basic and applied microbiological research, being a window through which to look at the evolution of microbiological culture in different sectors; furthermore the journal has contributed to writing a page of this century’s microbiological history.

In 1940 Carlo Arnaudi, director of the “Istituto di



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Microbiologia Agraria e Tecnica” and the first “Ministro della Ricerca Scientifica” (Minister of Scientific Research), founded “Annali di Microbiologia” which has been published without interruption, except during the second world war, until today. Vittorio Treccani and Giorgio Ottogalli followed in his footsteps.

Since 1998 the “Annali di Microbiologia ed Enzimologia” has been on the international scene, being indexed with an impact factor. We hope to improve our position, aiming for more, and this can be achieved through the participation of our readers and authors. For this reason I call on all fellow microbiologists to collaborate in the life and development of this journal; send us your papers, short communications, reviews, advice and suggestions, be prepared to participate in some way and perhaps become a part of the referee network.

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