

Biogeographia, the journal after the first five years online

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Five years ago, in 2016, *Biogeographia* started its adventure in the online Open Access publishing system, thanks to our publisher eScholarship, who agreed to host our journal. The publication of the journal, supported by the “Società Italiana di Biogeografia”, SIB, namely the Italian Society of Biogeography, has been diamond access since then, meaning that the authors publish their manuscripts at no cost and everybody can read and download the published papers at no cost.

The journal has a long tradition, given that its first volume was published in 1970. All volumes from 1970 to now are freely available in the online platform of the journal, with each article identified with a DOI, retrospectively assigned to the papers in the old volumes.

In these five years, the journals continued its tradition of publishing papers from the meetings of the society, but also opened to publications of any other papers dealing with biogeographical issues, including traditional research studies, reviews, perspectives, and descriptions of datasets. We invite you to browse through the latest volumes to see the breadth of topics and approaches that have been published so far.

This year, in 2021, the society and the journal had a meeting planned to continue the tradition of thematic issues on specific areas or topics. Yet, the currently ongoing pandemic radically changes our lives and obviously affected the organisation of the meeting, which is still on hold. Thus, no new papers will be published soon on the results of this meeting. Yet, from 2021, the journal will open an additional type of publications, organised within thematic special sections. The one that will start with this volume is on “Citizen Science in Biogeography”, with guest editor Stefano Martellos. The first paper from this special section is already published online and more will come soon.

Another novelty starting in 2021 in the style of the papers: we abandon the progressive page numbering system and endorse the more flexible system of progressive paper number, as many other online scientific journals.

We hope that these new approaches will attract your interest in reading our published papers, and in submitting your manuscript for consideration in *Biogeographia*.