It has now been a full year since I took over the reins as Editor-in-Chief of Journal of Helminthology. I am honoured to assume this role, and look forward to furthering the journal’s long-standing reputation in the field. I’ve been impressed with the number and diversity of manuscripts sent to us, which reflect well on the breadth and depth of the journal’s scope. I have been extremely well supported in dealing with these submissions by Co-Editor Rachel Lawrence, of the Royal Veterinary College, University of London, who was also appointed 1 year ago, and our editorial assistant Sharon Ryan, as well as the entire team at Cambridge University Press. We look forward to receiving more high-quality submissions!

The main purpose of this editorial is to thank my predecessor, John Lewis, for the fantastic job he has done for the journal. John was at the helm as Editor-in-Chief for an amazing 22 years, and we owe him enormously for the journal’s continued success. Although John remains active as Editor Emeritus, it is high time that his contribution be recognized formally. In the pages that follow, Editorial Board member David Rollinson provides a short tribute to John’s career and achievements in parasitology, and his impact on Journal of Helminthology; and later in this issue, Tom Cribb and his colleagues present the description of Monorchis lewisi, a new trematode species named in John’s honour. John has made the journal what it is today, and also left huge shoes for me to fill; for that, he deserves our utmost respect and gratitude.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that in an issue later this year, we will be introducing our new page design. Articles in the new format have already been published online in First View, and the switch to the new format will soon be complete. The new design makes text and tables easier to read, and will give our articles a more modern look.

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