

New Editor-in-Chief

After four years as the Editor-in-Chief, Andreas Linden is leaving the editorial team. I want to thank Andreas for the incredible effort he has put into the journal and wish him success in his career. From January 2017, I have been privileged to lead the editorial team. I am an evolutionary/behavioral/physiological ecologist, working at the University of Turku, Finland. My research has concerned almost exclusively birds, especially passerines.

Our editorial team currently consists of six associate editors, a technical editor and communications editor. Starting also in January 2017, we have two new, excellent researchers as our Associate Editors. I want to warmly welcome Patrik Karell and Andrea Santangeli to our editorial team. We will do our best to keep up the good work!

Thanks to Andreas's good work, *Ornis Fennica* is in good shape. The impact factor is increasing (we may see some surprises in the autumn!) and we have a steady input of good quality submissions. Continuing with the previous strategy, our grand aim is to keep *Ornis Fennica* as an important and attractive place to publish and follow research for Fennoscandian and North European ornithologists. *Ornis Fennica* continues to publish analytical (but not purely descriptive) and experimental papers on the ecology, behaviour, biogeography and conservation of birds. In the competitive publishing world, I believe that our strategy of full open access without any submission fees is attractive, and can be a definite competitive asset. Secondly, we do our best to keep the decisions rapid. We also invest in social media coverage, which will help to reach large audiences. If you are into social media, check out our Facebook pages, and follow us on twitter (@OrnisF) for our latest news!



This year is also going to be very interesting for the ornithological research community in Finland, as we are hosting the European Ornithological Conference at the University of Turku in August. This is a great opportunity to also promote *Ornis Fennica*. I wish everybody a great conference!

Finally, I sincerely hope that you will continue to enjoy what *Ornis Fennica* has to offer. You are always welcome to contact me for new ideas, or to ask for any further information about the journal. I look forward to an ongoing discussion on how to best develop *Ornis Fennica*.

Sincerely,
Suvi Ruuskanen