

EDITORIAL

Things are a little different around here

In the previous issue of this publication, I introduced myself as 'your new interim editor'. If producing issue 26(1) was a test, I am relieved to inform you I must have passed, because the British Mycological Society (BMS) has invited me to continue as editor on an ongoing basis. I am very happy about this, as I can see the submissions pipeline is filling up with lots more interesting articles which I look forward to sharing.

You may have noticed that Field Mycology Volume 26 looks a little different to previous volumes. This is because we've switched to new layout software, Affinity Publisher 2, which has the advantage of being free-to-use for eligible non-profit and charitable organisations, such as the BMS (<https://affinity.serif.com/en-gb/business/nonprofit/>). I've made a few more tweaks to the template this issue, to better match Field Mycology's established style.

The new website (<https://fieldmycology.org/>) gives us some indication of the audience that Field Mycology is reaching: well over 1,000 views for issue 26(1) and over 300 downloads. It is hosted for us by Open Journal Systems (<https://openjournalsystems.com/>) and built using an open source system developed by the Public Knowledge Project, PKP (<https://pkp.sfu.ca/>). PKP's mission to make research a global public good, by promoting participation in sharing and enjoying knowledge, has been a great inspiration to me in setting up the new production and distribution arrangements.

As anyone who's used it will appreciate, the internet is like a vast sea of information, with its own shifting tides. Websites can come and websites can go. So I feel it's important to highlight another major new development: the BMS has joined Crossref (<https://www.crossref.org/>) so that we can register permanent links for all the issues and articles we publish, called Digital Object Identifiers, or DOIs. Crossref membership also places us under certain obligations to publish information *about* the articles we're sharing (called 'metadata'), to make it easier for people to find, search and explore the content that we're publishing. For example, Crossref members are expected to link references, so that readers can follow a link from the reference

list to the document that is being referred to. If you notice changes such as this in future issues, this is why. By joining Crossref, the BMS has underlined its commitment to stewarding the content we publish in Field Mycology, and the associated metadata, for the long term.

Paper copies available by subscription

My colleagues in the BMS Office have endeavoured to spread the news far and wide that paper copies of Field Mycology are available by subscription, via the BMS website (<https://www.britmycolsoc.org.uk/fm-journal>). However, this is an area where we would like to enlist your help: if you know someone who might like to read a paper copy of Field Mycology, who isn't 'online', please let them know that subscriptions can also be arranged by contacting the BMS Office directly by post or telephone (you can find contact details under 'Journal Information', on the inside front cover).

Alongside relaunching Field Mycology on the new website, the BMS has also reinstated arrangements for depositing paper copies at the British Library. If you know of other institutions that would be interested in our publication, please draw their attention to the information for librarians on the website (<https://fieldmycology.org/index.php/journal/information/librarians>).

That's enough about the mechanics of Field Mycology. Back to talking about fungi next time! You'll be relieved to hear it's all mushrooms, smuts, cyphelloid fungi and strange spore-eating fungal organisms from here on in. Plus we've snuck in a book review about myxomycetes...



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Correction notice

The online version of Field Mycology Volume 26(1) contained an incorrect caption on the inside back cover, in the Book Reviews section, from 24/04/2025 to 11/05/2025; this was corrected before the printed copy went to press. If you downloaded the online version before 11/05/2025, you may wish to re-download it at <https://doi.org/10.63482/g0rrmg96>.