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EDITORIAL

WILDLIFE BIOLOGY changes to online only open-access publishing

The Nordic Board for Wildlife Research (NKV), which owns WILDLIFE BIOLOGY, has decided to make an important step forward as to how WILDLIFE BIOLOGY is published and distributed. As of the beginning of 2014, WILDLIFE BIOLOGY will be published as an online only, open-access journal. Thus, everyone will be able to freely access all the papers published. Increasingly, funding agencies are requiring that research results obtained and published with public financing be available to all the public. Also, we know that most of WILDLIFE BIOLOGY's readers access the journal online, rather than reading the printed paper version. We plan to keep our open-access publication fee at a low level, compared to other open-access journals, and there will be no submission fee. Details on the publishing process will be available in the author guidelines of WILDLIFE BIOLOGY, available at www.wildlifebiology.com.

We will not change WILDLIFE BIOLOGY's standards or philosophy, and will be keeping the high level of scientific quality and management relevance that we have today. Ilse Storch will continue as Editor-in-Chief and the Associate Editors will continue in their rolls. We will change the technical editorial office, however, and Technical Editor Jan Bertelsen will retire. He and Technical Assistant Helle Klareskov will assist with the transition.

We are excited about this change. WILDLIFE BIOLOGY will certainly benefit by being in the forefront regarding open-access online publishing in our field. The increased availability of open-access papers will help to also increase WILDLIFE BIOLOGY's impact and attractiveness as an outlet for excellent contributions to wildlife science. Also, managers will find it easier to access the papers published in WILDLIFE BIOLOGY, which should give them a better basis for making good management decisions.

We hope you will join us in this significant renewal, and that you will continue to support WILDLIFE BIOLOGY as authors and readers.

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