

From the Editors

When NAFEA was founded it was done so with the intent of giving practitioners, researchers, students, and teachers of forensic entomology a place to share ideas and meet others with their same passions. A critical part of any professional society is a formalized method of communicating ideas; this method most often presents in the form of scientific journals. NAFEA has spent several decades building up to this point, and it is with great pride that we present our first official volume of JFE: the Journal of Forensic Entomology.

In an effort to best serve our community and allow for continuous communication, and in response to challenges in the world of scientific publishing, we have decided to follow a continuous publication model for this journal. At the start of each calendar year a new volume of research will open and accept submissions. As these papers are reviewed and accepted, they will be instantly published in the current volume. This new method in scientific publishing eliminates the need for a minimum number of papers for a volume to be published and allows for instant communication of new work. With this substantial change we hope to eliminate the major problems that have plagued our first volume and give the forensic entomology community a reliable resource.

Any new endeavor is difficult. We as the editors of JFE have been lucky to have a community of talented, enthusiastic, and caring scientists supporting our efforts while we worked through the inevitable challenges presented by this new journal. This work is truly a group effort and would not be possible without the reviewers, subject editors, authors, and readers encouraging us the entire way. We have the unique ability to update our methods in real time and respond to challenges with creative solutions. Thank you all for your support, assistance, ideas, and kind words as we have worked through the process of this initial volume.

As always, we would love to hear from you. If you have any ideas on how to make JFE even better, feel free to reach out to the editors or the executive board of NAFEA. In the meantime, enjoy the newest volume of the Journal of Forensic Entomology. We look forward to publishing your work!

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