

EDITORIAL

It is a great pleasure to publish this special issue of the *Edinburgh Journal of Botany* focused on the remarkable family Begoniaceae. This is in part a celebration of reaching the milestone of the publication of the 2000th species of *Begonia* last year, but it also marks the establishment of the *Begonia* Phylogeny Group, which will help facilitate collaboration and consolidate the remarkable advances in our understanding of *Begonia* genomics.

I would like to thank our guest editors Dr Mark Hughes and Dr Catherine Kidner for their selection, and contribution, of papers covering all aspects of Begoniaceae research – from the description of species new to science to the design of a bait set for *Begonia* that will facilitate studies of gene evolution and phylogenomics. I would also like to thank the many anonymous reviewers, our associate editors, and our copy-editor, for helping make this special issue possible.

I hope that this will be the first of many special issues over the coming years covering a wide range of topics in plant systematics and biodiversity. I welcome discussions on potential future special issues. As a Diamond Open Access journal, we are proud to make this biodiversity knowledge freely available.

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