

This issue of *Brachytron* is special in many ways. First of all, this issue contains the proceedings from a symposium on dragonflies in The Netherlands and North Rhein-Westphalia, held in Kranenburg on the 19th of September 2004. The symposium was organised by Jaap Bouwman (then working at Dutch Butterfly Conservation), Christian Göcking (Arbeitskreis Libellen Nordrhein Westfalen) and Robert Ketelaar (Dutch Society for Dragonfly Studies). The articles published in this issue of *Brachytron* hold valuable information on the ecology, distribution and conservation of dragonflies in this region. It is the first time that distribution maps of this region are published in *Brachytron*. Although some of them are not entirely up to date, they show nice distribution patterns, revealing more information on the ecology of the species.

Secondly, this is truly an international issue of *Brachytron*. It is the first issue published by the Dragonfly Society Flanders (Libellenvereniging Vlaanderen) and the Dutch Society for Dragonfly Studies (Nederlandse Vereniging voor Libellenstudie) together. And because of its contents, this issue is also published in cooperation with the Working Group on Dragonflies in North Rhine-Westphalia (Arbeitskreis Libellen Nordrhein Westfalen). We chose English as the language for the articles with Dutch and German summaries.

The editorial team is very proud to present this issue to the members of the above mentioned dragonfly societies. We invite everyone to respond on this issue, this will enable us to make further improvements in the future.

Because of the cooperation between the Dutch and Flemish dragonfly societies, the editorial team also changed. We are very happy that Geert De Knijf and Anny Anselin stepped forward to strengthen the team.

Ultimately, this issue has an improved and modernised design. In the course of the next issues, we will work further on a new profile of *Brachytron* to make a magazine that is enjoyable for all our readers.

Claire Hengeveld checked the English language in the papers. Marcel Wasscher gave valuable suggestions for the improvement of many articles. Klaus-Jürgen Conze and Christian Göcking helped throughout the course of organising the symposium until publishing the articles. And last but not least: Jaap Bouwman was guest-editor and spent hours and hours communicating with authors and editing the papers. The editorial team thanks them all for their help to make this issue possible.

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