

Amendment to Journal Publishing Agreement (the “Amendment”)

The following amendment to the below mentioned Publishing Agreement has been agreed by the parties, which shall become effective as of **05 November 2021 (“Amendment effective Date”)**:

Springer Nature Switzerland AG
Gewerbstrasse 11, 6330 Cham, Switzerland

(the “**Publisher**”)

on the one part

and, jointly,

Plant Science and Biodiversity Centre, Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS), Dúbravská cesta 9, SK-84551, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

represented by:
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represented by:
Dušan Žitňan, Director, Institute of Zoology, SAS

and

Institute of Molecular Biology, Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS), Dúbravská cesta 21, SK-84551 Bratislava, Slovak Republic

represented by:
Eva Kutejová, Director, Institute of Molecular Biology, SAS

(jointly, the “**Organisations**”)

on the other part

WHEREAS, the parties entered into a Journal Publishing Agreement (the "Agreement").

Journal Title(s): Biologia

Original Signed Contract Date: 22/06/2017

Signed Date(s) of previous Amendment(s) (please list all if applicable):

Whereas, the Parties hereto desire to amend the Agreement to ensure that authors or copyright holders submitting articles or manuscripts for publication by the Publisher in the Journal(s) retain copyright in their works and grant the Society and its licensees a licence to publish.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree to amend the Agreement as follows;

1. Save as set out herein the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
2. Notwithstanding any provision in the Agreement stating that the Society shall own the copyright in all articles, the Parties acknowledge that copyright in articles published in the Journal(s) from the Amendment Effective Date shall remain vested in the authors or original copyright holders (e.g. authors' institution). The copyright will be acknowledged in the copyright line of the relevant article as "The Author(s) under exclusive licence to Plant Science and Biodiversity Centre, Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS); Institute of Zoology, Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS); Institute of Molecular Biology, Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS)". The Society shall be named as the contracting party to all agreements with the authors of articles to be published in the Journal(s). Authors shall be required to agree to or sign the Publisher's relevant standard author license to publish agreement (the "LTP") via the Publisher's workflows and systems. The Society acknowledges the LTP may be amended from time to time by the Publisher.
3. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement, the Publisher will have no obligation to register copyright in any jurisdiction on behalf of the Society.

General Provisions

4. This Amendment shall be governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of Switzerland. The courts of Zug, Switzerland shall have the exclusive jurisdiction.
5. This Amendment shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon each of the Parties and each of their respective permitted successors and permitted assigns.
6. The headings in this Amendment are for reference only and do not affect the interpretation of this Amendment.
7. This Amendment constitutes the sole and entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter contained herein, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous understandings, agreements, representations, and warranties, both written and oral, with respect to such subject matter. The Parties agree to waive the requirement to sign on paper and

to accept as binding such documents signed electronically by all Parties provided they use an industry accepted electronic signature service such as, but not limited to, DocuSign.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Amendment as of the date first written above.

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