

## **ANNOUNCING A NEW FEATURE – FERN GAZETTE REVIEWS**

With this issue, we are introducing a new feature. The Fern Gazette will be publishing a series of reviews on developments in a wide range of research topics relating to ferns and lycopods, written by international authorities in their fields. Every issue of the Fern Gazette will contain at least one review.

Each review will provide an easily accessible introduction to a comprehensive list of recent research-based publications and is intended for those new to the subject or who wish to bring themselves up-to-date with the literature. For a fast-developing subject featuring in frequent publications, ‘recent’ might mean the last 5-10 years, while when progress is slower, and especially when the subject has not been reviewed for many years, it might represent a much longer period.

While taxonomic and floristic themes will continue to be covered, any research topic which has ferns or lycopods as its central subject will be eligible for consideration in a review, whether it is concerned with conservation or classification, development or demographics, gametophytes or genetics, phenology or physiology. Some historical topics, like the exploitation of ferns as a resource, or the development of ideas, illustration methods or investigative techniques, might be suitable for a review. A review can contain an account of some original, unpublished, research by the author, but if original work forms the major part and the literature survey is merely the introduction, it should be submitted to the senior editor, Professor Mary Gibby, as a paper.

The review topic should normally be one that can be adequately covered in a review of 3-4000 words plus figures and references, though longer or shorter reviews might be acceptable for some topics. The review will be refereed, and the editors may subsequently request clarification or modification but no editorial changes will be made without the author’s agreement. Publication will usually be within six months of receipt of the agreed final version.

Those reviews that will appear over the next two years have been written in response to invitations from the Review Editors but offered contributions are welcomed.

Offers of reviews, or requests to discuss possible topics or to obtain further details of instructions for authors, should be sent to the Fern Gazette Review Editors:

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