



Anatolyi Schileyko was with *Ruthenica*, *Russian Malacological Journal* from its foundation in 1991, first as associate Editor. In 2003 he took the position of the Editor-in-Chief and served in this post for 15 years. These were both prolific and hard years for the journal, but Anatolyi never lost his optimism and trust in the journal, which was the first independent scientific periodical in post-communist Russia.

During his editorships *Ruthenica* was trying to be in a mainstream of scientific publication policies. Since 2008 we launched the WEB site of the journal, which simultaneously became free-access (starting volume 18), so we are one of the few free-access journals without publication charges. We finally made it to Scopus and for many years we are in the master list of WOS.

Anatolyi was not only the Editor, but the author of the journal as well. I found 33 papers published so far starting from volume 1. But in addition Anatolyi published fundamental work 'Treatise on Recent terrestrial pulmonate molluscs' as a Supplement to *Ruthenica*. This was published in 15 parts (1998-2007) and in total occupied 2210 printed pages with 2647 illustrations, containing description of all genus group taxa of pulmonates!

Starting the last part of volume 28 I took the post of the Editor-in-Chief, but Anatolyi is not giving up with *Ruthenica*, staying as an Associate Editor. I want to thank him profoundly on behalf of all readers, authors, and Editorial board, for many years of service, wish many more prolific years of research and good health, as well as well-being to his numerous pets.

Yuri Kantor, new Editor-in-Chief