



With this issue I end my tenure as editor of the *Journal of Ethnobiology*. It was an enjoyable four years, but when the opportunity to take a year's research leave came up, well . . . I'm sure you all understand.

The most satisfying aspect of doing a job like this one is interacting with all the fine researchers who work in our field. The high quality of the submissions I've had the opportunity to read is an indicator of the strength of ethnobiology today. My thanks to all the authors who sent their work here. I'd also like to thank one last time the members of the Editorial Board, our many volunteer reviewers, the Associate Editors, the officers of the Society, our typesetter and printer—everyone who helped bring the *Journal* together twice a year.

It is my pleasure to introduce the new editor, Eugene Hunn.

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Dear *Journal of Ethnobiology* reader,

I look forward to this opportunity to serve you as the next editor of the *Journal of Ethnobiology*. I will attend closely to the examples set by my predecessors, Willard Van Asdall and Deborah Pearsall, whose efforts over the past fifteen years have helped establish ethnobiology as an essential anthropological and ecological perspective. I have no revolutionary redirection in mind. Rather, I see my first task as maintaining the present standard of quality and relevance of the articles we publish and keeping strictly to the schedule of publication. I plan to centralize journal production at the University of Washington, a change of convenience that I hope may save both time and money. I will retain the traditional format while investigating the advisability of a somewhat more eye-catching cover.

Once I get up to speed I plan to pursue aggressively "keynote" articles that will give a high profile to the *Journal* and that will at the same time capture the full range and impact of contemporary ethnobiological research. Ethnobiology has become almost a household word during the past decade, yet I sense the *Journal* has not fully capitalized on that popular interest. We can and should be leading the pack. We can and should be the place to turn for the most challenging and current research findings and theoretical insights with respect to the critical intersection of the lives of humans, animals, and plants. I welcome your advice on how we might gain our rightful place at the center of the ethnobiological vortex.

Meanwhile, keep those articles coming.

Gene Hunn