

## **AQUATIC MICROBIAL ECOLOGY (AME): A word from the publisher**

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Marine Ecology Progress Series (MEPS) has a sister! There was no hesitation when Fereidoun Rassoulzadegan and John Dolan approached me and suggested that the journal edited by them — Marine Microbial Food Webs — join the family of Inter-Research publications. Their journal had a world-wide readership and a high Citation Impact Factor, but it lacked adequate financial support.

Together we have worked out the essentials for a new beginning: we renamed the journal Aquatic Microbial Ecology (AME), enlarged its editorial staff and widened its scope. The editorial staff now comprises 13 subject editors and a large number of editorial advisors. AME is served by the same group of copy editors and

typesetters as MEPS, and is printed by the same printing house. I am confident that she will become a family member to be proud of. Microorganisms determine decisively the routes and patterns of material turnover and energy flows. They are basic denominators of ecological processes.

MEPS now receives many more manuscripts than can possibly be accommodated in the 14 volumes published per year. We hope that, with time, a number of manuscripts concerned with aquatic microbial ecology can be rerouted from the brother to the sister. This would help to avoid the brother getting too big and assure quick publication also in the future for both brother and sister.