

FROM THE EDITOR

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Seldom in science do we recognize long-term studies published in many parts, sometimes over several decades. One of our goals at *Haseltonia* is to foster publication of such long-term work. Two years ago, we were proud to publish Charles Uhl's eleventh installment on chromosomes in *Echeveria*. This year, we are equally proud to publish the eighth paper in the long-running series on chromosome counts in cacti, written by Don Pinkava and his former students. While maybe not the sexiest work—although many of karyotypes are obtained from sexual parts of the plants, namely pollen—this provides the empirical framework from which evolution of these plants can be rigorously studied. We should all have such perseverance.

Another goal of *Haseltonia* is to publish contributions from anywhere that our plants are native, especially outside of North America and Europe. Patricia Soffiati and Veronica Angylossy contribute a lovely paper on stem anatomy of some of their native Brazilian cephalium-bearing cacti. Sofia Albesiano and the tireless Roberto Kiesling discuss nomenclature in the cactus genus *Wigginsia*. Guillermo Pino's indefatigable work on the Crassulaceae of his native Peru is exquisite. He truly bridges the gap between academia and gentleman scholar. Africa has seen a fair number of papers on their succulent flora, including herein, so it is also great seeing coverage of South American plants by South American botanists.

By no means am I trying to give short shrift to our other contributors, who have all produced amazing works: from the obscure (for political reasons) succulent flora of Angola, to cholla hybrids in the US, to extraordinary detail about mesembs, to a thorough and quixotic contribution by the bibliophilic and anagramic luddite Gordon Rowley. I simply want to highlight that *Haseltonia* publishes intellectual gems that can hardly be found elsewhere.

The following new species and combinations are published in this issue of *Haseltonia*: *Cylindropuntia* × *cardenche* (GRIFFITHS) PINKAVA & M. A. BAKER (Cactaceae); *Cylindropuntia imbricata* (HAWORTH) F. M. KNUTH var

spinitecta (GRIFFITHS) M. A. BAKER (Cactaceae); *Cylindropuntia* × *pallida* (ROSE) F. M. KNUTH (Cactaceae); *Echinocereus bonkeriae* THORNER & BONKER ssp *apachensis* (W. BLUM & RUTOW) A. D. ZIMMERMAN (Cactaceae); *Opuntia* × *charlestonensis* CLOKEY (Cactaceae); *Sedum isidorum* PINO (Crassulaceae); *Sedum roberti* VELDK. (Crassulaceae); *Villadia aureistella* PINO & CIEZA (Crassulaceae); *Villadia kimnachii* PINO & CIEZA (Crassulaceae); *Villadia klopfensteinii* PINO & CIEZA (Crassulaceae); *Villadia paniculata* PINO & CIEZA (Crassulaceae); *Villadia thiedeii* PINO & CIEZA (Crassulaceae).

Many thanks are in order, first to our contributors and reviewers. I never grow weary of hearing from any of you... despite the converse probably not being true! The Cactus and Succulent Society of America has unhesitatingly supported *Haseltonia*. This even includes our founding editor, Myron Kimnach, who probably wonders when he will fully retire. Thanks to all of our subscribers. Many of you have been truly steadfast supporters. Finally, thanks to our managing editor, Russell Wagner. Despite our radical differences in style, I have grown to consider Russell a remarkable professional, a passionate advocate for cacti and succulents, an ambassador, and a friend.

For most of this decade, the editor of *Haseltonia* has curiously been at a Canadian university. Canada is a wonderful country, but one that will never be renowned for its cacti or succulents, only having four native cacti (although almost only three) and no other native succulents (unless you count *Lewisia*). Nevertheless, it is with a mixture of sadness and pleasure that I announce the demise of this ironic Canadian content. Please join me in heartedly welcoming Dr Martin Terry—a Texan!—as the new editor of *Haseltonia*. He is a true polymath, an amazing writer, and a genuinely wonderful person. Please keep comments, contributions, and subscriptions flowing his way. With Martin I expect even greater things from *Haseltonia*. Nonetheless, I also hope to continue hearing from many of you. My greatest joy of serving as editor has been all the wonderful and generous people I have met. Thank you.