

PREFACE

The journal *Acta Bryolichenologica Asiatica* was founded by prof. Ming-jou Lai in 1988. The new journal was intended

“to be a venue for any previously unpublished, short scientific notes or brief technical articles regarding Asiatic bryophytes and lichens. Topics concerning taxonomy, ecology, phytogeography, biology, morphology, chemistry and genetics of Asiatic bryophytes and lichens are welcome.”

The title page tells us that the journal was published by the Asian Bryological and Lichenological Club and sponsored by the Finnish-Chinese Botanical Foundation. However, on the next page the publisher is Ming-jou Lai. Benito C. Tan was the Editor-in-chief and Ming-jou Lai the Associate Editor. The first volume with numbers 1 and 2 gives the printing date as December 1989, but the publishing was delayed until April 17, 1990. The publishing date of the second volume with numbers 1 and 2 is given as December 1990. After these two volumes, printed in Taipei, the publishing ended for 20 years.

The journal had ceased, but professor Lai continued to sponsor Chinese bryologists and lichenologists. The unofficial “Finnish-Chinese Botanical Foundation” was acting as intermediary. Finally, in 1998 the Foundation was marked in the Finnish Foundation Register, and became legitimate. Still later professor Lai transferred the publishing rights and copyright of the journal “*Acta Bryolichenologica Asiatica*” to the Finnish-Chinese Botanical Foundation. The editing and publishing the journal were moved to Helsinki, Finland.

The volume 3 of *Acta Bryolichenologica Asiatica*, “Dr. Ming-Jou Lai Memorial Volume” was published in 2010. The journal appears at irregular intervals, volume 6 will be published in 2017.

Professor Lai obviously distributed the volumes 1 and 2 of *Acta Bryolichenologica Asiatica* to his bryological and lichenological colleagues in China and other countries. After his death in 2007 these volumes were not any more available. However, some articles in them have continuous taxonomic and nomenclatural significance in bryology and lichenology and contain information of the history of Chinese botany in these fields. Moreover, after the volumes 3–5 were published, we have received requests to be able to purchase also the volumes 1 and 2. These facts encouraged us to publish this facsimile edition.

The Editors