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Apidologie was founded in 1970 by merging *Annales de l'Abeille* and *Zeitschrift für Bienenforschung* and was headed during the first years by two Editors-in-Chief, J. Louveaux and O. Wahl. From an originally French-German journal, it rapidly became internationally recognized with the addition of an American editor, H. Shimanuki, in 1981.

Since then, the Editorial Board has strived to make the journal even more successful and now *Apidologie* is a major scientific resource for the entire bee research community. This is clearly reflected in the Journal Impact Factor and the statistics provided by Web of Science (ISI-Thompson), on publications related to bee biology.

As techniques in the scientific publishing field keep evolving, it has been essential for *Apidologie* to adapt new procedures to improve the publication process and ensure a broader and faster dissemination of the scientific results. Thus, the handling of manuscripts has been systematically moved to electronic processing since 1996 and the journal has been published online since 2000 by our new publisher EDP Sciences.

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