

## Editorial

### **Low submissions rate and delayed publication of this issue (and the continuing search for a webmaster)**

We apologise for the late publication of this, the second issue of 2016, which should have appeared in September as usual. This was due to a low rate of submissions for the past two years, which was also the cause of the slimmer than average last three issues (all those of 2015 and 2016). For the present issue, publication was delayed until sufficient pages could be accumulated.

Low submission rates have caused similar problems in the past, most recently and severely in the period 2001–2004, with only single issues being produced in two of those years; but immediately after that we passed through a period with the greatest average annual numbers of pages in the history of the journal (2005–2009), so we hope that the present low submission rate may be similarly short-lived.

However, please do continue to support the journal by sending us your records, observations, research results and other articles. *Malimbus* remains one of the most-cited journals for West African ornithology, in fact probably *the* most-cited, and we want to keep it that way. Further, in order to maximise our chances of having *Malimbus* included in more citation ratings and statistics, we need to keep up a regular publication schedule. We offer rigorous peer review combined with a sympathetic editorial process, and prompt publication (usually in the next issue) once the final version of an article is accepted. Please help us to maintain the level of interest of the journal's content, and increase its value and scientific standing even further by submitting your relevant work, especially now. And given that this issue contains perhaps the highest proportion of articles written in French in the history of *Malimbus*, anglophone contributors might care to try to redress the balance!

I take this opportunity to add that WAOS is still seeking a new webmaster. If anyone would like to take charge of our web site, which mainly requires uploading new *Malimbus* material after publication of each issue, along with occasional other updating, please get in touch.

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