

*Letter of thanks to Professor Ottavio Pompeiano*

Succeeding to Professor Ottavio Pompeiano as Chief Editors of *Archives Italiennes de Biologie* is a great honour and a heavy responsibility at the same time. For over twenty-five years, Prof. Pompeiano has passionately poured time and effort in the life of *Archives*. Since its birth in 1882, *Archives* has published papers that have become milestones in science and that continue to be cited after decades, as shown by the long journal half-life index. Fostering this tradition, Prof. Pompeiano has published unique collections of excellent papers as Proceedings from Symposia in honour of internationally recognized outstanding scientists, including Giuseppe Moruzzi – former Editor of *Archives* -, Rita Levi-Montalcini, Nathaniel Kleitman and Michel Jouvet, just to mention a few of them. Under Professor Pompeiano's wise leadership, *Archives* have passed from the time of type-written manuscripts and off-set figure reproduction to the modern revolution of online publishing, that is inaugurated with this very issue.

We proudly look at Prof. Pompeiano's legacy as an example and a stimulus to maintain the long scientific tradition and nourish *Archives* for the next generation.