

Dear colleagues,

Biological science produces a lot of visual information, which is stored in the form of photographs and videos. A small part of this data has been published as classic articles. Some materials are available on the websites of universities and other scientific organizations. Information from websites can be cited in articles, but we have found that some links have become inaccessible. Investigations show that sometimes the information was deleted after the reorganization or liquidation of the host scientific organization. Thus, we may lose valuable and unique data.

A possible solution is to publish this data as short articles with Supplemental Material. *Limnology and Freshwater Biology* is a young, peer-reviewed, open-access free Journal published by the Limnological Institute, Irkutsk, Russia (<http://limnolwbiol.com/>). Just now we are working on citation in Scopus. We are presented in the Russian citation systems that are used by Russian funding agencies, which gives some guarantee that this journal will exist in the future.

We will be happy to publish and store video and photo archives as short or full articles with Supplemental Material. General Author Guidelines are here: <http://www.limnolwbiol.com/index.php/LFWB/about/submissions#authorGuidelines>. Briefly, if you want to give us your materials, you have to:

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3. To send us photos and/or videos for inclusion in Supplemental Material, via email or cloud storage options, with scale bars or indication of the width of the image(s).

We plan to start with material relating to diatoms, but any other biological data relevant to the journal is considered.

Trully yours,

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