

Preface to Volume 11, the last volume of Fish Biol. J. MEDAKA

In 1982, the Laboratory of Freshwater Fish Stocks at the Faculty of Science at Nagoya University began publishing biological studies dealing with medaka and related freshwater species in *MEDAKA*, which was the original title of *The Fish Biology Journal MEDAKA (Fish Biol. J. MEDAKA)*. The affiliation of the laboratory at the University subsequently changed to the Bioscience Center in 1993 and then to the Bioscience and Biotechnology Center from 2003 to the present. During this period, with the exception of a few interruptions, a total of ten annual volumes were published by the laboratory.

After the publication of the latest volume (vol. 10, 1999), the late emeritus professor at Nagoya University and editor-in-chief at that time, Kenjiro Ozato, considered *Fish Biol. J. MEDAKA* to have succeeded in its mission of disseminating information and stimulating studies on medaka. He planned to publish one last volume of the journal containing several papers that had been received after the publication of the previous volume. However, after falling ill, I imagine that he may not have been able to dedicate himself to the work required to the extent that he had expected. After his passing, we found a sheaf of papers in his desk that he had been editing for the new volume. We contacted the authors of those papers to inform them of the circumstances and reiterate our commitment to publishing their manuscripts as soon as possible. We are therefore pleased to have finished volume 11 and to have published it here.

At present, studies on medaka have increased worldwide, extending into the fields of not only basic biology, but also the medical sciences, environmental sciences, toxicology, and aquaculture. In keeping with the assessment of the late Professor Ozato who believed that *Fish Biol. J. MEDAKA* had succeeded in fulfilling its mission, the publication of this last volume of the journal brings to an end the history of the journal. We would like to express our most sincere thanks to all of the people who have supported this journal.

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