The Journal of Morphological Sciences is still sometimes referred to as the Brazilian Journal of Morphological Sciences among the colleagues in the anatomical field of expertise, due to its direct link to the Brazilian Society of Anatomy. Historical facts about the creation of the journal and how it changed with time was recently published, and the name of the journal was changed to Journal of Morphological Sciences (in 2010) to broaden the readership and also to be an attractive journal for international contributors. Currently, more than 30% of the manuscripts published in the journal are from authors from outside of Brazil, and the journal will continue to work hard to expand its internationalization.

One challenge that the Journal of Morphological Sciences is facing is the variety of subjects of interest to our readers. We have detected three major areas of manuscripts submitted to our journal that need special attention from our editorial board to help speeding up the process of publication. Thus, three associate editors are reinforcing our editorial board to give particular attention to the manuscripts in their specific area of interest. They are highly qualified researchers in their fields, with national recognition and international prestige. These new associate editors are presented below.

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