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Call to contribute to the EDGG Special Feature in *Tuexenia* 44 (2024)

The Special Features of EDGG and its predecessor "Arbeitsgruppe Trockenrasen" in *Tuexenia* have a long tradition since 2005. *Tuexenia* is a diamond open access journal, i.e. free to publish for authors and free to read for readers. Currently, *Tuexenia* is indexed both by the Web of Science Core Edition and by the Scopus database. It has a Journal Impact Factor of 1.2 and a CiteScore of 2.4.

For many years, EDGG managed to publish a Special Feature every year in *Tuexenia* with the EDGG-edited articles often among the top-cited articles of *Tuexenia*. Among the six top-cited *Tuexenia* articles in Scopus of all time, five are from the EDGG Special Features despite they account for only about ¼ of all content: Among these, Dengler et al. (2012) on the extraordinarily species-rich dry grasslands of Transylvania has 81 citations to date (11 February 2024) and a Field Weighted Citation Impact (FWCI) of 3.35 (i.e. this article is cited 3.35 times more than average articles from the subject field published in the same year). On the next ranks are Gilhaus et al. (2017) on management effects on grasslands in Germany (38 citations, FWCI = 1.43), Valkó et al. (2016) on high-diversity sowing for grassland conservation (37 citations; FWCI = 2.16), Willner (2011) on an innovative classification method exemplified with dry grasslands (33 citations; FWCI = 1.56) and Deák et al. (2014) on the grassland alliance *Beckmannion eruciformis* (32 citations; FWCI = 2.90). It has been shown that the articles in the EDGG Special Feature have on average significantly higher citation rates than ordinary articles in *Tuexenia* (Boch & Dengler 2021).

Despite the long history and the obvious advantages for authors, during the years 2022 and 2023, we had a lack of article submissions and were not able to produce a Special Feature in *Tuexenia*. In each of the years only one paper was submitted and accepted (Shyriaieva 2022; Vynokurov et al. 2023), both on grassland vegetation in Ukraine. In 2024, we plan to have a comprehensive Special Feature again.

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The guest editors are Thomas Becker (DE), Balász Deák (HU), Jürgen Dengler (CH), Kristin Ludewig (DE) and Sonja Skornik (SI), chaired by Steffen Boch (CH). Luckily, this year the publication of an EDGG-edited Special Feature is already confirmed as by end of January 2024 already three papers (and thus the required minimum number) were accepted: Schindler et al. (2024) on irrigation of dry grasslands in Valais (Switzerland), Borovyk et al. (2024) on richness maxima in Ukrainian steppes and Riedel et al. (2024) on the transformation of cover values in biomass fractions.

We would like to encourage you to submit your **manuscripts on grassland-related topics with a focus on ecology, biodiversity, syntaxonomy, management and conservation of any type of grassland vegetation** in the nemoral biome of Europe with its transitions to the boreal, steppic and Mediterranean biomes. Papers will undergo regular peer review led by one of the EDGG guest editors. After acceptance, papers will be published online first (then they are citable via DOI) and go to the next print issue of *Tuexenia*. **You can thus submit anytime**. To have a good chance of inclusion into the Special Feature of 2024, we recommend that you submit your manuscript adhering to the *Tuexenia* author guidelines **not later than June 2024** via email to Steffen Boch. Papers that are not accepted in time for the publication in the Special Feature of one year, will automatically be published in the subsequent Special Feature.

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