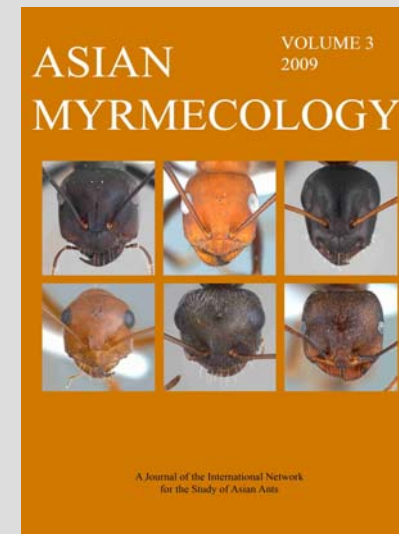
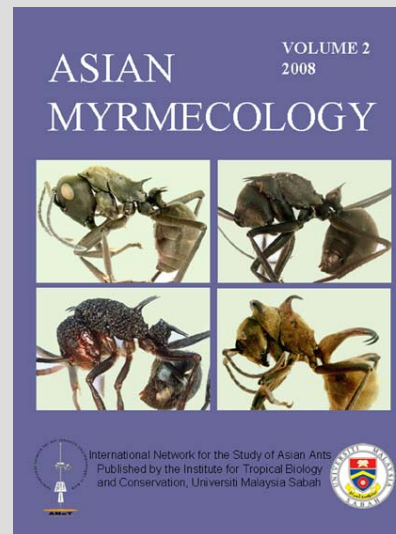
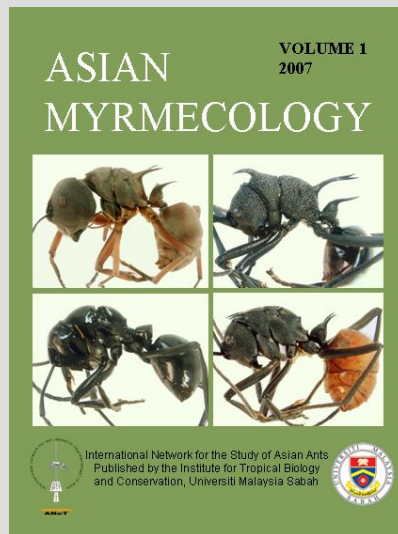
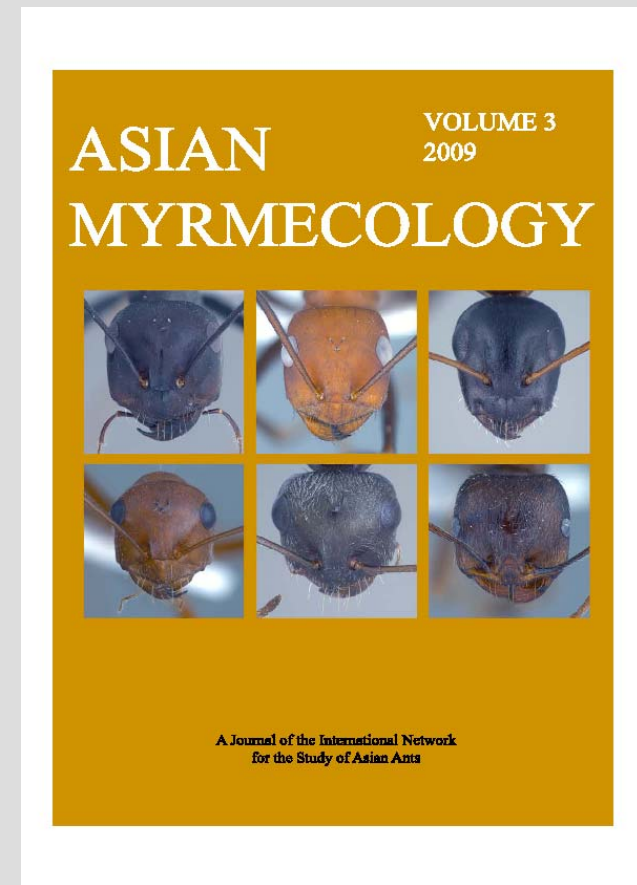
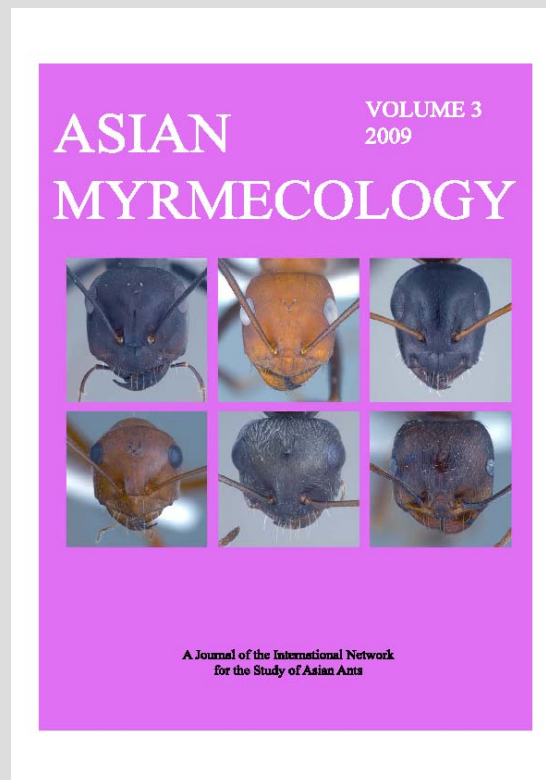
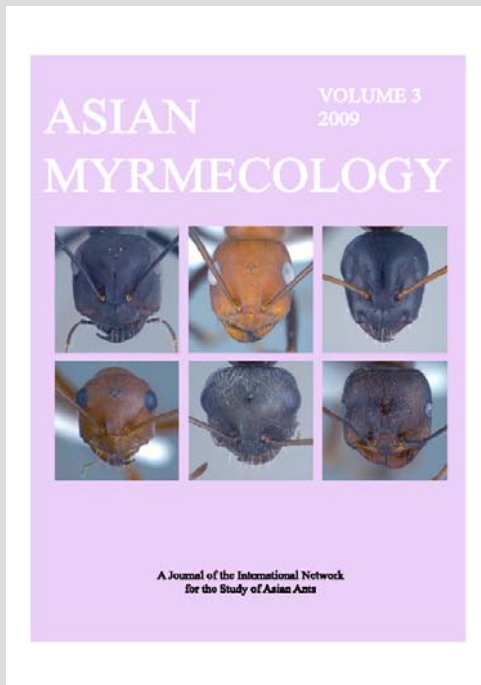


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- **360 printed pages (appr.)**
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- Truly international Journal
  - High impact on ant researchers
  - Famous scientists are willing to help
- ⇒ If you publish in **AM** your paper will be noted by the scientific community!



# Only “teething problems?”

- Difficulties in producing a journal with cooperation over three continents
  - Printing still needs a long time
  - Printing quality is sometimes poor
  - Distribution of the journal is delayed
- ⇒ **How long will we get money from UMS?**

UMS = University Malaysia Sabah

# One way to solve the problems

- Publish only on the WWW
  - ⇒ Problems with taxonomy
  - ⇒ Problems if the journal closes down

# Problems with authors

- Scientific “top-stories“ are published in other journals (e.g. Myrmecological News)
  - Rapid or poorly designed studies cannot be accepted as full papers
  - Editors have to work more hard to produce publishable papers from the manuscripts
- => Although we have the appropriate readership there is the danger that **AM** will become a newsletter rather than a scientific journal

# A dangerous circle

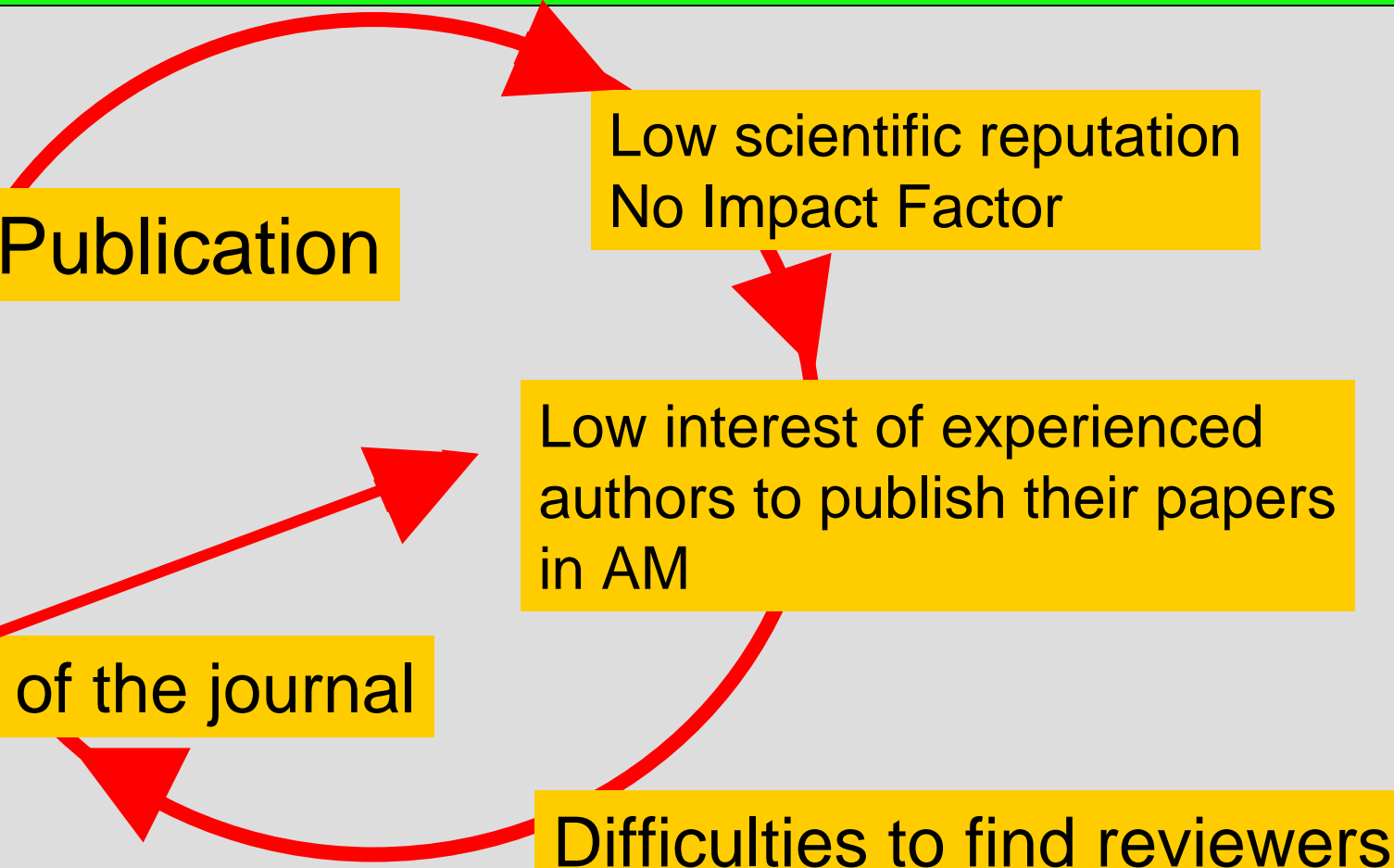
Delayed Publication

Low scientific reputation  
No Impact Factor

Low interest of experienced  
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in AM

Low quality of the journal

Difficulties to find reviewers



# How elephants protect their offspring...



...should be an example for us!



**Asian Myrmecology  
needs a mixture of well  
experienced authors  
and beginners to keep  
attractive to the readers**

# We need help.....

- AM should be based in Asia in the long run
- Martin is looking for a new job (but will further help)
- John and Simon cannot increase their workload
- Eguchi has joined the team
- Bharti and Carsten are willing to join the team as subject editors
- Who else is interested?

=> We are looking for a **arrangement** for the organisation of the editing process

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