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Foreword

ACTA BOTANICA ISLANDICA is a continuation of FLÓRA, the Journal of Icelandic Botany, which was published by *Bókaforlag Odds Björnssonar*, Akureyri, from 1963 to 1968.

FLÓRA served two main purposes, because on the one hand, it informed the Icelandic layman on the Botany of Iceland, and on the other hand, it disseminated the results of botanical research among botanists interested in the Icelandic Flora.

As one single journal could not easily accomodate the pursuit of these two divergent objectives, we decided to establish one journal for the furtherance of each of these objectives. The older of these journals is TÝLI, first published in 1971 by *Bókaforlag Odds Björnssonar*. This is an illustrated journal, appearing biannually and containing short articles written primarily for the Icelandic layman with an interest in Icelandic natural history.

ACTA BOTANICA ISLANDICA, now presented for the first time, is designed for the publication of results of all aspects of botanical research in Iceland, with an emphasis on floristics, plant sociology, taxonomy and ecology.

Hitherto a large share of botanical research in Iceland has not been readily accessible internationally, since it has either been written in Icelandic or it remained unpublished. Again foreign botanists working in Iceland often present their results in journals not available in any Icelandic library. Such articles frequently do not reach Icelandic botanists, except those in direct personal contact with the author.

It is the aim of ACTA BOTANICA ISLANDICA to furnish an international forum for all those engaged in botanical research in Iceland. One of the means to achieve this aim is the annual publication in ACTA BOTANICA ISLANDICA of a list of all articles appearing in Iceland and abroad, which contribute to our knowledge of Icelandic Botany. The first list, which will probably cover the last 5 years, cannot be included in our first issue because of lack of space, but it will receive priority in our next issue. To ensure inclusion of all articles, authors are kindly

requested to submit a reprint of their articles to the editor or to a member of the editorial board.

Finally, we want to thank the publishers of FLÓRA, *Bókaforlag Odds Björnssonar* for services rendered to the Botany of Iceland by publishing that journal. Thanks are also due to all those, who supported the journal financially.

We feel confident, that through the cooperation with *Bókauitgáfa Menningarsjóðs (Icelandic Culture Fund)* the financial basis for the continuation of ACTA BOTANICA ISLANDICA will be secured in the future. We wish to express our thanks to the management of *Menningarsjóður*, especially to Mr. Gils Guðmundsson, for their interest and positive response to our application.

The editors.