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Preface

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In 2019, the Faculty of Agriculture, Kyushu University, celebrated its 100th anniversary, holding commemorative ceremonies, commemorative lectures, and the “Faculty of Agriculture 100 Year Treasures Exhibition.” Two years later, the Entomological Laboratory of Kyushu University celebrated its own 100th anniversary; however, owing to coronavirus restrictions, it has to date refrained from holding commemorative events. Nevertheless, in order to celebrate the historical milestone of the 100th anniversary of the laboratory’s establishment, we have planned two commemorative projects, namely, the publication of special issues of *Esakia* (No. 55) and “Hikosan Garagara” (Nos. 12 and 13), which can pass on to the next generation.

Owing to various circumstances, *Esakia* ceased regular publication in 2014 (No. 54). Similarly, “Hikosan Garagara,” an information exchange magazine for the Entomological Laboratory Alumni Association, had not been published for some time, until after a long absence, commemorative issues were published in April 2022, namely, the “Katsura Morimoto Memorial Issue (No. 12)” and the “100th Anniversary Issue (No. 13).” Although published in Japanese, we hope all those interested will read these issues using a suitable translation tool. These publications are available from the following website:

http://www.agr.kyushu-u.ac.jp/lab/entomology/Hikosan/Garagara_12.pdf

https://www.agr.kyushu-u.ac.jp/lab/entomology/Hikosan/Garagara_13.pdf

To complement these projects, we are now pleased to announce the publication of a special issue of *Esakia* (No. 55) to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Entomological Laboratory. We hope that this publication will not only serve to highlight the anniversary but will also contribute to the future development of the Laboratory and entomology in general.