

EDITORIAL

The obvious reason for writing an Editorial at the start of this particular issue is to celebrate 150 years since the first publication of *Geological Magazine*. This is a long and continuous record of service to the scientific community and contribution to the geosciences. All those people who have been associated with the publication of the journal can be proud of it. I would especially like to acknowledge the efforts of the production teams over the years: behind the academic work of authors, referees and the editors stands a dedicated group of publishing staff, who ensure that the high publication standards of the journal are maintained. Thanks are also due to the authors who have contributed to papers in *Geological Magazine* to date. It is a daunting prospect to think of exactly how many different scientists have co-authored papers in the journal since 1864, and what combinations of evolution and revolution our science has seen in that time.

It is also timely to celebrate the future. *Geological Magazine* has recently appointed 12 new Editorial Board members. It is somewhat of a coincidence that they start at the same time as the 150th anniversary, but entirely a happy one. Their ideas and enthusiasm have already generated new developments in the form of special issues in the pipeline, and the journal will surely gain strength from their contributions. The existing Editors and Editorial Board members remain in place, and will ensure the continuity of the journal.

Finally, let me thank everyone who uses the journal, and builds on the results and conclusions in its papers to take the geosciences forward.

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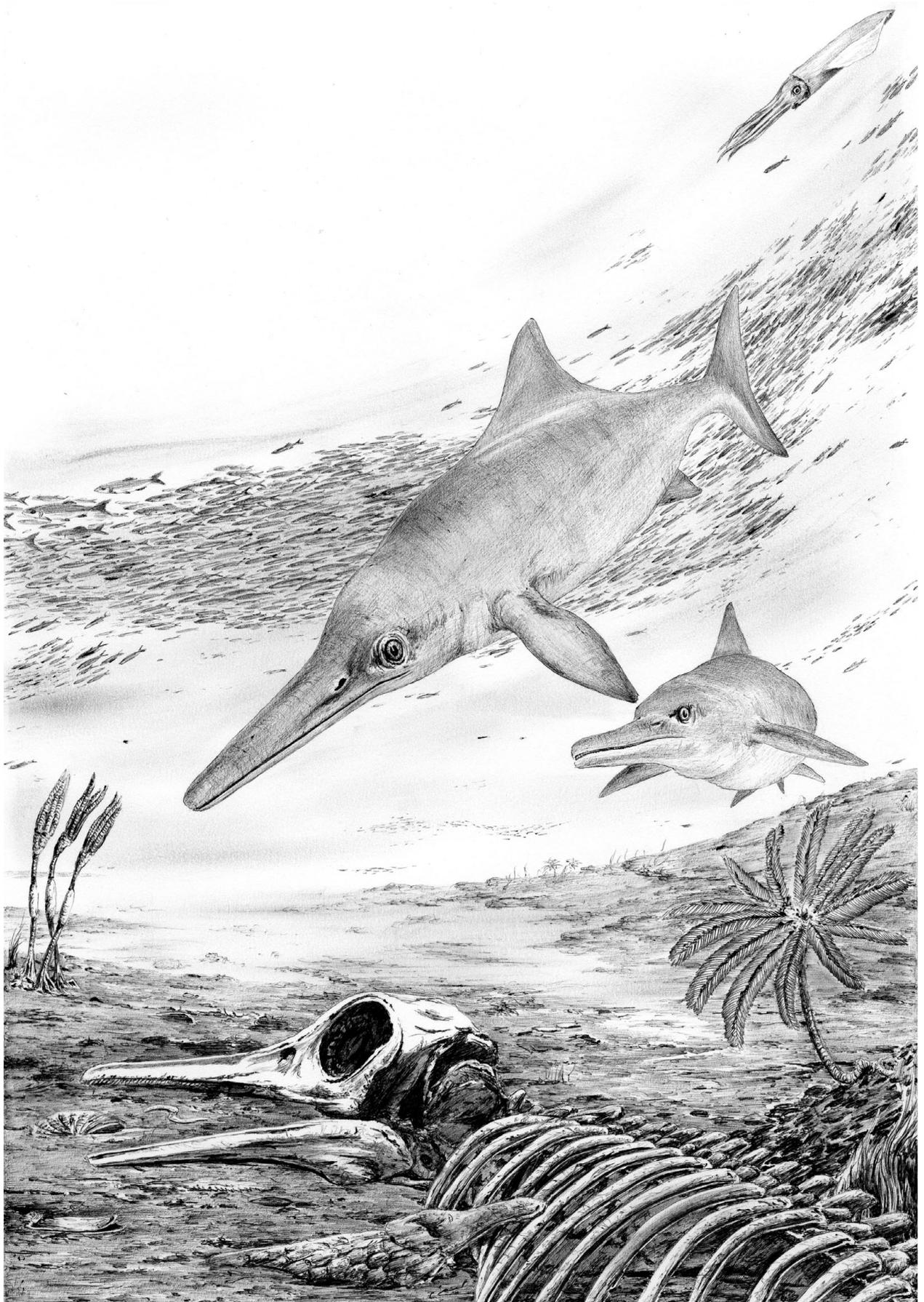
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