



**Cover:** Alpine marmots, *Marmota marmota*, have a sophisticated social structure that makes them an ideal model for the study of individual variation in coping style in wild populations. Costantini et al. (pp. 374–383) show how individuals in Gran Paradiso National Park (Italy) differ in the way they cope with stress along a proactive–reactive axis. These different coping styles are accompanied by different baseline and stress-induced plasma oxidative statuses, and cortisol might be one mediator of such differences. The study highlights an exciting perspective for studies on mechanisms underlying variation in individual life-history strategies and fitness among different behavioural phenotypes. Photo: Caterina Ferrari.

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