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Editorial

Mycoscience makes steady progress with a new publishing partner, Elsevier Japan KK

On behalf of the Editorial Board of the Mycological Society of Japan, I would like to express my gratitude to authors for their contribution to Mycoscience by submitting papers in a variety of areas of mycology and to readers for subscribing the journal and citing the journal's papers in their published works. Mycoscience has become one of key sources to disseminate mycological information worldwide. A survey (The 2011 Publisher's Report, Springer, available from the publisher) shows that authors of published papers in 2011 are located in 31 countries and regions in the world. Obviously, Japanese authors share the largest proportion (40.2%) followed by European (23.0%), Asian (19.5%), and American (11.5%). Authors who cited Mycoscience papers in 2011 are located in 71 countries and regions: European authors cited most (29.2%) followed by Asian (exclusive of Japanese) (22.5%), American (21.3%), and Japanese (12.2%). Because of collaborated efforts by authors, readers, and those who have engaged in editing and publishing Mycoscience, the journal has received its first Impact Factor 0.774 in 2010 and has increased the IF value to 1.212 in 2011.

Official journal of the Society started as "the Transactions of the Mycological Society of Japan" in 1956 and changed its style and name to "Mycoscience" in 1994. Since 2002, it has been edited and distributed under the partnership of Springer Japan KK. Springer Japan KK has been providing us with strategic assistances to raise the journal to the international standard in the style and format and to increase the visibility of the journal in the international mycologists' community. Mycoscience now has a new publishing partner, Elsevier Japan KK. All the staff of the publisher shares with the Mycoscience editors the awareness of the responsibility of the scientific society's activities and of publishing outcomes from scientific researches. Mycoscience makes steady progress in promoting its quality and effective dissemination of mycological papers to benefit all authors, readers, and general public.

Authors and readers of Mycoscience all appreciate the beauty, importance and usefulness of fungi and fungus-like organisms in nature. Since its establishment in 1956, the journal has maintained a good tradition of publishing natural history studies on fungi and organisms with the fungal way of life and this tradition will remain to be the journal's major

mission. We have only scratched the surface of this globe: despite the devoted works having been carried out by many mycologists since Pier Antonio Micheli's "Nova Plantarum Genera" in 1729, we have left a great diversity of fungal organisms and their enigmatic nature undisclosed. As we all know, tropical and arctic regions have been inadequately studied. As one of the major mycological journals in Asia, Mycoscience acknowledges the particular importance of the natural history studies of fungi and fungus-like organisms in tropical Southeast and arctic Northeast Asia. The journal retains room to spare for these important studies.

Our mycological endeavor will not only fulfill our personal interest and intellectual curiosity on the tiny wonderful organisms in nature but will also contribute to social activities, either immediately or ultimately. For the laypersons, or even for many biologists, it is not easy to imagine how fungal activities sustain the humans' life and their societies, even if they know the existence of fungi around them. This is another important aspect of mycological journals' mission. Therefore, Mycoscience encourages the submission of papers from those who devote themselves to fungus-based applied sciences and technologies, including pathology (human, animal, and plant), pharmaceuticals, food processing, and environmental biotechnologies.

Please remember that Mycoscience is open to all mycologists and that Mycoscience is always delighted to welcome papers resulted from dedicated studies on fungal organisms and fungal-based applied studies.

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