

Journal Update

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Dear Colleagues,

Last year (2011) was the year of many achievements for Emirates Journal of Food and Agriculture (EJFA). A total of 60 articles published in 6 issues (volume 23). The articles were published from various fields ranging from Plant Physiology, Phytochemistry, Nutrition, Food Science and Technology, Agriculture and Agricultural Economics, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Medicine. Two special issues were published for The Italo-Latin American Society of Ethnomedicine (SILAE, www.silae.it) which is an international non-profit organization based in Italy, dedicated to advancing science around the world. EJFA managed to publish 6 issues with 10 articles per issue as promised in the last journal update of 2011.

This year (2012) we are planning to raise the number of articles to 12 per issue. The articles will be divided according to the sections, namely, Nutrition and Food Science, Plant Science and Animal Science. In addition, we will consider publishing special issues for European COST Action (European Cooperation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research). Also, special supplementary issue for date palm will be published. In addition, prominent scientists from all over the world will be invited to submit review articles in various disciplines related to the scope of the journal. No Arabic abstracts will be published in EJFA starting the first issue (February Issue) of 2012.

Recently, Index Copernicus International released their 2010 IC value for the world's most important scholarly journals. For the first time the EJFA received an IC value of 5.28. The highest IC value for journals with similar scope to EJFA is 22. Similarly, National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS) Journal Ratings is now released for 2011 and the NAAS Rating for EJFA is 4.6 out of 6 for the year 2011. The indexing of EJFA has been increased to a wide variety of international bibliographic databases and abstracting services. The number of indexing of EJFA is now reached 90. Also, EJFA is now accepted for indexing in Scopus. EJFA content will be available there soon. This will definitely enhance the visibility of articles in EJFA and ultimately the citations. Scopus is a highly influential index and largest citation database of research literature and quality web sources covering nearly 18,000 titles from more than 5,000 publishers. Scopus is managed by Elsevier. It is expected that EJFA will get the SciMago Ranking before the end 2012.

On behalf of the EJFA team, sincere thanks to all our contributors, readers and reviewers for the achievements of 2011 and wish all of you a great productive year in 2012.