



THE PEER REVIEW PROCESS OF THE ARTICLES ON EDIBLE MYCORRHIZAL MUSHROOMS PUBLISHED IN THIS ISSUE

It is my privilege and pleasure to present this issue of the scientific journal *Revista Fitotecnia Mexicana (RFM)*, issue that contains the approved manuscripts on edible mycorrhizal mushrooms presented during the *9th International Workshop on Edible Mycorrhizal Fungi (IWEMM9 MEXICO)* held from July 7 to 14 of this year at Colegio de Postgraduados-México. The organizers of the Conference and the RFM (belonging to the Mexican Society of Plant Genetics) agreed to publish the manuscripts approved through a strict editorial process.

The peer review process was excellently done by a Special Editorial Committee integrated by two distinguished experts on mycorrhizal fungi, *Dr. Alexis Guerin-Laguette* from the New Zealand Institute for Plant & Food Research at Christchurch, New Zealand, and *Dr. Simon Egli* from the Swiss Federal Research Institute WSL at Birmensdorf, Switzerland. These associated editors assigned at least two specialized referees for each manuscript, and added their own opinion. *Dr. David Pilz*, another distinguished mycologist and former researcher of the United States Forest Service, provided also valuable help by editing a manuscript to English language. The formal follow-up and the journal style editing work was done by *Dr. Víctor A. González-Hernández*, the former Editor in Chief to whom the RFM designated as Coordinator of this Special Editorial Board.

The RFM received nine manuscripts of authors from several countries (Japan, China, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, Morocco, Ethiopia, Italy, Swiss, France, Spain, Guatemala, Chile and México). After the strictly imposed peer review process, six manuscripts were approved for publication in this fourth issue, corresponding to October - December quarter of the current year. With this background, it is a privilege for RFM to publish these manuscripts that represent important contributions on edible mycorrhizal fungi as valuable genetic resources.

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