



Editorial message: Special issue on current research in apiculture



As the guest editors of the special issue on current research in apiculture, we would like to publish the latest, innovative, and outstanding research results in the Saudi Journal of Biological Sciences (SJBS) with a short review period. This issue was called for papers and participation in the 13th Asian Apicultural Association conference, 2016 (13th AAA, 2016) held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, over April 24–26, 2016. The Bugshan Chair for Bee Research at King Saud University was organized this conference. The major components of the conference were scientific program, Apitherapy workshop and ApiExpo exhibition.

A total of 58 papers were submitted to the special SI. They were initially reviewed by the selected reviewers. Based on the three review criteria on technical contributions, novelty, and completeness, 23 papers were provisionally accepted and requested for quality improvements according to the reviewers' comments and suggestions. 21 papers have finally been accepted for publication in the SJBS special issue on current research in apiculture after substantial revisions. All the 21 papers are collected together in the current issue in order to illustrate the main technical achievements

of the 13th AAA Conference, 2016. These articles provide novel, interesting, and useful results covering different area of Apiculture. This editorial message not only delineates the paper submission, rigorous review, and quality assurance of the special SJBS papers, but also significantly appreciates the authors' patience for paper revisions according to the comments.

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