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Date palm for food, medicine and environment

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INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

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Submission
The submission deadline is September 30, 2018
Articles should be submitted in word file to Dr. Mu. Naushad (mnaushad@ksu.edu.sa) and copied to Dr. Eric Lichtfouse at Eric.Lichtfouse@inra.fr. The manuscript must be accompanied by a cover letter containing a list of six suggested, international reviewers including title, name, postal address and e-mail address. Samples of published chapters are available upon request to Eric Lichtfouse.

Selection
The Editors and external peer-reviewers will evaluate manuscripts. The actual rejection rate of Sustainable Agriculture Reviews is 30%. Only manuscripts of very high quality will be accepted.

Publication
February 2019.
Topics
We invite scientists to write high-quality literature reviews on the application of date palm in food, environment and medical science. Examples of topics include:
- Date palm as a healthy food
- Extraction of lipids from date palm pits
- Production of glucose and lactic acid from cellulosic date palm wastes by enzymatic fermentation
- Date palm-based activated carbon for the removal of organic dyes from aqueous environment
- Production of biofuels and biopolymers from date palm
- Removal of toxins from the environment using date palm seeds
- Sequestration of hazardous metal ions using date palm based activated carbon
- Date palm-assisted nanocomposite materials for the removal of nitrate and phosphate
- Biogas production from date palm fruits
- Application of date-palm fibers for the wastewater treatment
- Nutritional and therapeutic applications of date palm
- Medicinal importance of date palm fruits
- Analysis of antioxidants and nutritional assessment of date palm fruits

Articles
Sustainable Agriculture Reviews publishes review articles analysing the critical points of current knowledge including substantive findings as well as theoretical and methodological contributions to a particular topic. Literature reviews are secondary sources, and as such, report no or very few original work.

General guidelines
Guidelines on how to write a review article are available at http://fr.slideshare.net/lichtfouse/writea-review. Other resources on scientific writing can be found at http://fr.slideshare.net/lichtfouse.

Sections
Article sections should be: Title, Authors, Author postal and e-mail addresses, Abstract, Keywords (10), Contents (list of sections), 1. Introduction, 2. Section title, 3. Section title, 3.1 Subsection title... X. Conclusion, Acknowledgements, References.

Abstract
The abstract should be readable by a wide audience, e.g. farmers, policymakers and the public. The abstract should contain two sections: 1) Background/issues: this section should explain actual issues related to the topic in about 5 sentences, and 2) Major advances: this section of about 5 sentences, starting by e.g. 'Here we review... The major points are:....', should list the major trends and findings deduced by literature analysis in each section of the article.

Text
The body text should be written in paragraphs of about 3-8 sentences. Please avoid the overuse of abbreviations. Expressions and sentences in parenthesis should be avoided.

Figures
Articles must include well-thought figures such as graphs, schemes, tables, and colour photos, e.g. one figure per section. Figure captions should include 2-3 sentences explaining the trends and their significance. Figures should indeed be understandable without reading the main text.

References
The article should include more than 50 references. References to web addresses are not accepted, unless proven stable. Reference citation in the text: Smith (2006), Smith and Brown (2005), Smith et al. (2004). References should preferably be placed at the end of sentences. References in the list should include the DOI to increase article impact through links. Please note that a major cause of publication delay is due to reference errors, e.g. references in text absent in list, references in list absent in text, references not in the format and errors in numbers (years, volume, pages).
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