

Editorial

Hop and Medicinal Plants – Year XXX

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Introduction

Hop and Medicinal Plants Journal is in its 30th year of life. It has been published since 1993 under the auspices of ***the Hop and Medicinal Plants Crop Research Centre*** (HMPCRC) of the University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine (UASMV) Cluj-Napoca. This centre has been operating for three decades, based on the Senate Decision of UASMV Cluj-Napoca from 6.12.1993, and was subsequently confirmed by the UASMV Cluj-Napoca Senate Decision in 25.10.2005. The establishment of this research centre was based on the activity performed and the results obtained at the Cluj Phytotechnics regarding hops and medicinal plants, the activity of the centre representing a superior stage of research in these fields.

In first number of Magazine “***Hop and Medicinal Plants***”, in year 1993, in Editorial “***At the beginning of the road***”, (first year, No.1/1993, page 5-7), we have shown that “*is intended for agronomists, pharmacists and biologists in production and research, students and pupils who are training in these branches of economics, those who want to learn about the production of hops and the beer industry, all those who directly and indirectly contribute to the production and the use of medicinal and aromatic plants*”. In the structure of the magazine we included “*solutions regarding the modernization of cultivation technologies and the use of hops and cultivated medicinal and aromatic plants, new technical problems regarding the capitalization of plants with therapeutic*

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effect from spontaneous flora” , “useful aspects for those working in the research system, production and recovery of hops and medicinal and aromatic plants”.

In its 30th year of founding, our magazine has kept this mission and structures, but the quality of the published materials and the way they are presented have improved year after year. For a period of time (between 1993-2007), the title of the journal was in Romanian language, and the published scientific articles were in Romanian language, with an abstract in English language.

In year 2008, two versions of the magazine appeared (presented in figure 1 and 2): one with the title in Romanian language, with articles in Romanian and abstract in English language (figure 1) and one with title of magazine in English language (figure 2).

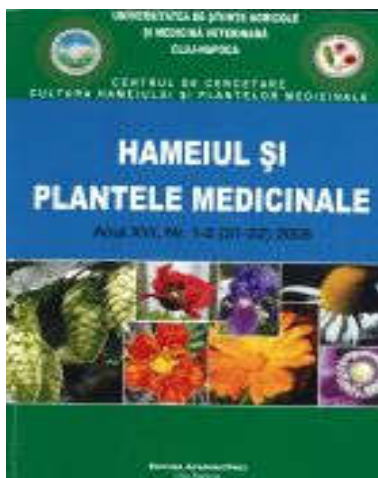


Figure 1. The title of journal since its publication (1993) until 2008, with article in Romanian and abstract in English

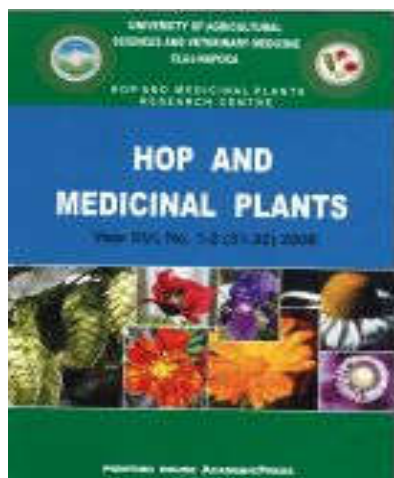


Figure 2. The title of journal starting from 2008 until present, with articles published entirely in English

From 2009 until now, the title of the journal and the published scientific articles are in English, the journal having a wider distribution and appreciation in the country and abroad.

In the journal “**Hop and Medicinal Plants**” appear for more than three decades (from 1993 until now) scientific articles realized in UASMV Cluj-Napoca and in other institutions in the

country and abroad, with reference to hops and medicinal plants (cultivated or spontaneous).

In “**Hop and Medicinal Plants**” magazine are presented scientific papers at symposium organised by “**Hop and Medicinal Plants Crop Research Centre**”; two with research in hop domain (between 1993 and 1996), and in the following four scientific reunion (from years 1999, 2002, 2005 and 2008), with scientific papers about hop and medicinal plants (cultivated and spontaneous). Scientific papers were published in “**Hop and Medicinal Plants**”: Year I, No.2/1993 (Symposium from 9-10.12.1993); Year IV, No.1-2/1996 (Symposium from 5-6.12.1996); Year VII, No.1-2/1999 (Symposium from 23.10.1999); Year X, No.1-2/2002 (Symposium from 8.11.2002); Year XIII, No.1-2/2005 (Symposium from 7.10.2005) and Year XVI, No.1-2/2008 (Symposium from 27-28.06.2008, with international participation).

Documents referring to “**Hop and Medicinal Plants Crop Research Centre**” (HMPCRC) accreditation, are presented in magazine “**Hop and Medicinal Plants**”, Year XIV, No.1-2, 2006, p.5-90. HMPCRC was proposed as „Centre of excellence” by UASMV Cluj-Napoca Senate, in meeting from 9.11.1998, based on Order of the Ministry of Education, no.3373 from 10.09.1998, given by scientific performance of the centre, the research potential of its team, competitive scientific programs, relevant tradition and significant contribution to the expansion of knowledge in the field of hops and herbs, affirmed nationally and internationally.

Magazine “**Hop and Medicinal Plants**”, in which appear scientific works of hops and medicinal plants, highlights the research activity in these fields at UASMV Cluj-Napoca and in the area of influence of the university, from 1993 until now. The aspects of the investigations are numerous and diverse, including (for hops and medicinal plants): biology and ecology studies; chemical composition of plants; genetics and breeding work (creation of local varieties); establishing the method of propagation and various technological measures (establishment of culture, fertilization, care and harvesting, etc.), in order to obtain high yields, in economic and ecological conditions, with the prevention of environmental pollution and harvest.

On the occasion of the entry into the XXXth year since the publication of the magazine “**Hop and Medicinal Plants**”, we congratulate all the contributors to our magazine, as well as all those who carried out activities in “**Hop and Medicinal Plants Crop Research Centre**”. The same warm congratulations to the workers in the research and production of hops and medicinal plants in our country. These are species of industrial plants of great importance for the national economy, which are presented in all aspects in the journal ‘**Hop and Medicinal Plants**’.

We especially congratulate all those who have worked and continue to work in the "Editorial Board" of our magazine, in the three decades of existence of this publication.

We wish to our magazine “**Hop and Medicinal Plants**”:

Vivat, Crescat, Floreat!