

EDITORIAL RETRACTION

The Editors of the peer-reviewed *Analele Universității din Oradea, Fascicula Biologie* (AUOFB) journal found themselves in the unpleasant position to editorially retract the paper entitled **“*In vitro* microrrhizomes induction and genetic stability of a medicinal plant *Acorus calamus* L. towards germplasm conservation through synthetic seed production”** by Satyajit KANUNGO, Chinmay PRADHAN and Anath Bandhu DAS, which appeared in Vol. 19, Issue 2 (2012): 146-153 (Received: 27 October 2012, Accepted: 28 November 2012).

This paper bears a significant overlap with another papers entitled:

1. “*In vitro* Microrrhizome Induction, Encapsulation, and Cold storage for Germplasm Conservations of *Acorus calamus* L. (Bach)” by Miss Durga Sahu under guidance and supervision for the Degree of Master of Philosophy of Biotechnology, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India (Accepted: 5 May 2011).
2. “*In vitro* mid-term conservation of *Acorus calamus* L. (Bach)” by Miss Snigha Mehar under guidance and supervision for the Degree of Master of Philosophy of Biotechnology, P. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India (Accepted: 12 May 2012).

The Editors gave the opportunity and sufficient time to the authors to explain themselves (the corresponding author Satyajit KANUNGO was contacted, and the others two coauthors Chinmay PRADHAN and Anath Bandhu DAS, too) but the explanations wasn't complete and satisfactory. Furthermore, it should be stressed that in the “[Cover letter](#)” (appearing electronically in the [AUOFB site](#)) it is explicitly stated that:

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The Editors have carefully assessed information gathered during cross-checking of these three published papers and decided to retract the paper by Satyajit KANUNGO, Chinmay PRADHAN and Anath Bandhu DAS in order to sustain the credibility and maintain the high standards of *Analele Universității din Oradea, Fascicula Biologie* journal.

Finally, the Editors of AUOFB regret the time and effort invested by reviewers and others for evaluating this paper.

For the Editors of AUOFB
Dr. Cristian F. BLIDAR (Editor-in-Chief)