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Taylor & Francis to publish *International Journal of Acarology* from January 2009

We are proud to announce that Taylor & Francis will publish *International Journal of Acarology* from January 2009 (Volume 35).

International Journal of Acarology, a journal of mites and ticks, founded by Vikram Prasad, M.D., Ph.D., in 1975, was previously published by Indira Publishing House, West Bloomfield, Michigan, USA. It is globally recognised for its quality, and its publication of excellent research papers on plant mites, parasitic mites, predatory mites, soil mites, free-living mites, water mites, and ticks. This journal is used in agricultural, medical, veterinary, hydrachnology and other fields of science as biology, entomology, medicine and zoology. It is indexed in Thomson Reuters' Journal Citation Reports®.

With Taylor & Francis, *IJA* will see a number of improvements. Volumes 1-34 will be digitised, meaning that subscribers will be able to access every issue online from 1:1 through to the current volume. The journal will move to Taylor & Francis' **informaworld**™ platform. This will bring benefits including HTML versions of articles, forward citation linking and online publication of articles ahead of the print issue through *iFirst*. We will also set up a Manuscript Central™ online submission and review system for *IJA*, to further speed the peer review process and maximise outreach to international authors.

Taylor & Francis is committed to the current Editorial policy and this will remain under the exclusive control of the Executive Editors, in conjunction with the Sectional Editors.

Vikram Prasad, M.D., Ph.D., current Managing Editor and founder of the journal, said: 'It is a very gratifying development to see the publication of *International Journal of Acarology* transfer to Taylor & Francis. Both I and the *IJA* Board members expect this to further enhance the journal's profile and availability. As *IJA* will be published in 6 issues from 2009 and will have no page charge to the authors and several other benefits to the acarologists, entomologists and zoologists, it will be loved by the readers even more when published by Taylor & Francis. It is now 34 years since the publication of *IJA* was initiated and, since its inception, it has established a solid platform and acceptance in the scientific community. We are sure that under the direction of Taylor & Francis the journal will continue to develop even more as an important journal in the biological sciences.'

Rod Cookson, Editorial Director for Environment & Agriculture journals at Taylor & Francis, added: 'We are delighted to take on publication of *International Journal of Acarology*. With perhaps a million species of Acari still to be described and classified, there is both great scope and need for Acarological taxonomy and research. Taylor & Francis is pleased to be continuing the excellent work of Dr Vikram Prasad and Professor Jim Amrine in this rapidly growing area of science.'

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