

EDITORIAL NOTE

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I would like to begin this note by presenting important news for the Journal and the scientific community. After participating in the “Call for indexation of specialized scientific journals in Colombia – Publindex 2020”, our Journal was awarded the category B by the Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation for the year 2021. I publicly express my gratitude to the publishing entities, the Colombian Society of Horticultural Sciences (SCCH) and the Universidad Pedagógica y Tecnológica de Colombia (UPTC), the editorial team, our authors, reviewers, and readers. This recognition continues to maintain us as one of the best journals in the area in the country.

Below I present the issue 3 of volume 14, 2020 of the Colombian Journal of Horticultural Sciences, which included 14 scientific articles. In the Fruit tree section, we placed seven articles. First, we have a manuscript on the phenology and growth of lulo plants obtained by grafting. Also, there is a manuscript that addresses the hyperspectral response of Cape gooseberry plants to the detection of vascular wilt. Additionally, this issue contains: the article about the substrates and organic mixtures employed in the production of Cape gooseberry seedlings, the study of the dynamics of abscission of leaves, flowers and fruits in avocado cv. Hass in Colombia, the article about the estimation of physiological parameters in banana *Musa* AAA Simmonds, and two scientific notes. The dynamics of N-P-K-Ca-Mg in plum var. Horvin in nursery conditions is studied, and the scientific note deals with the exogenous application of gibberellic acid and the development and quality of jabuticaba fruits.

In the next section of Vegetable crops, five articles are included. Two of these are devoted to the tomato crop; in first article, the genotype-environment interaction of internal fruit quality characters is estimated in cherry tomato, while second article approaches the yield and yield component´s performance in grafted tomato plants. Regarding other species, we have a third manuscript with findings on the inoculation with *Bacillus subtilis* and *Pseudomonas fluorescens* and its effect on carrot growth and yield. It is followed by the manuscript which addresses the water use efficiency in the production of onion from bulb for the Alto Chicamocha Irrigation District. This section is finished with a study on the functional analysis of growth of diploid varieties of potato *Solanum phureja*.

In order to close this volume, we have included the section Aromatic, medicinal and condiment herbs with two articles. The first one addresses the impact of the application of ultraviolet B-radiation on some secondary metabolites in thyme, and the second one reports the volatile chemical composition of Colombian essential oil from *Piper gorgonillense* and its activity against *Tribolium castaneum*.

I also want to state that, in this issue, a posthumous tribute is paid to our colleague and friend Dr. Hernando Artemio Criollo Escobar (1951-2020), who was one of our most beloved and committed authors and reviewers, and who bids farewell to us with his last article published in this issue “Phenology and growth of lulo (*Solanum quitoense* Lam.) plants grafted onto *Solanum hirtum* Vahl.”; his contributions to the academy and science of the country are invaluable and we will remember him forever.

On behalf of the Colombian Society of Horticultural Sciences (SCCH) and the Pedagogical and Technological University of Colombia (UPTC) publishing institutions, I want to thank and acknowledge the important contribution of our referees, authors, and readers. Finally, I continue to invite all national and international researchers in the area to submit their manuscripts on the horticultural studies for publication in our Journal.

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