

The world's longest established apicultural research publishers

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The *Journal of Apicultural Research* celebrates 50 years of publication.

IBRA's flagship scientific journal the *Journal of Apicultural Research (JAR)* has now completed fifty years of continuous publication. In that time, over 1,600 scientific papers have been published in its pages.

IBRA Scientific Director and *JAR* Senior Editor Norman Carreck says: "*In an era when most scientific journals are published by large corporations who have hundreds of titles, for a small independent charity like IBRA, this is a great achievement*".

JAR was founded in 1962 to satisfy the need for a peer-reviewed scientific journal to publish research on all aspects of the study of all species of bee. It has published papers making an important contribution to our knowledge of a wide range of topics. These range from studies of bee biology such as the swarming behaviour of bees, to the properties of hive products such as honey, beeswax and propolis. Throughout its history, many papers have reported research on honey bee pests and diseases. For example, the first ever report that the parasitic mite *Varroa* could become a pest of the European honey bee was published in *JAR* in 1963, and more recent papers have made a major contribution to our understanding of the international problem of honey bee colony losses.

Issue 1 of volume 1 of *JAR* contained a paper written by Prof. Jerzy Woyke of the Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Poland, as does this Issue 4 of Volume 50, published today. In total Prof. Woyke has published 68 papers in *JAR*, and 2010 marked the 60th year of his scientific publishing. In recognition of his outstanding contribution to bee science, IBRA Council has now conferred Honorary Membership upon Prof. Woyke. IBRA Chairman Hans Kjaersgaard says: "*This Honorary Membership is in recognition of his long and distinguished career as well as his many contributions to our journals. He is our longest serving contributor and the only person who contributed to the very first edition who is still busy writing*". Prof. Woyke has replied: "*This is the most important distinction for me, since IBRA is the most distinguished organisation of the bee researchers of the world*".

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NOTES FOR EDITORS:-

1. The article "fifty years of the *Journal of Apicultural Research*" is available at:-

www.ibra.org.uk/articles/Fifty-years-of-JAR

2. The International Bee Research Association ("IBRA") is the world's longest established apicultural research publishers and promotes the value of bees by providing information on bee science and beekeeping worldwide.

3. IBRA is a Registered Charity, and its Council of trustees boasts some of the world's leading bee scientists.

4. IBRA publishes the following peer reviewed scientific journals: -

4.1 The *Journal of Apicultural Research* was founded by IBRA in 1962. It includes original research articles, theoretical papers; scientific notes and comments; together with authoritative reviews on scientific aspects of the biology, ecology, natural history and culture of all types of bee.

4.2 The *Journal of ApiProduct and ApiMedical Science* was launched by IBRA in 2009. It focuses upon evidence based research being carried out on biologically relevant properties of bee and hive products, and their scientific relevance in the fields of medicine, nutrition and healthcare. This journal provides a forum where the efficacy and effectiveness of bee and hive products with therapeutic properties can be presented, debated and evaluated using scientific principles.

5. IBRA publishes and sells books on bee science and beekeeping and also provides bee information services.

6. Membership of IBRA costs just £31.50 annually. Membership benefits include receipt of four quarterly issues of *Bee World*, an accessible and topical journal on latest bee research, news, reviews and other relevant information for the bee scientist, beekeeper, and anyone with an interest in bees.

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