Acta Alimentaria

Acta Alimentaria (Acta Alimentaria Academiae Scientiarum Hungariae) was founded as a journal of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (HAS) by Károly Vas (1919-1981), second director of CFRI (Central food Research Institute), member of HAS. He was the first editor-in-chief until his death. In 1975, the journal received the subtitle Quarterly of the Committee on Food Science of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Today the journal is named "Acta Alimentaria, an International Journal of Food Science". Following Károly Vas, editors-in-chief were János Holló, member of HAS, (1982–2004), József Farkas, member of HAS, (2004–2011), Professor Anna Halász (2011–2012), and at present, Professor András Salgó (2013–).

Between 1980 and 2012, the journal was published under the auspices of Complex Committee of Food Science of HAS and financed by Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. Today the journal receives financial support from the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

By the decision of the Editorial Board, since 1988, co-editors help the work of the journal: between 1988 and 2004 professors J.F. Diehl, (Germany) and D.A.A. Mossel, (The Netherlands), from 2005 to 2014 W.F. Holzapfel (Germany) and P. Raspor (Slovenia), and until his untimely death in 2014, Professor József Farkas. Professor Anna Halász works as coeditor since 2013.

Coordinating editors of the journal: I. Orbányi, CSc (1972–1975), I. Varsányi, DSc (1976–1997), J. Beczner, CSc (1998–2014), and at present M. Tóth-Markus, PhD (2014–).

Teréz Lehoczky (1983–2013) has done the responsible work of editing for 30 years.

The organisation of an international editorial board has been started by Károly Vas, and the board has been further widened by his successors. At present, the Editorial board consists of 20 foreign and 13 Hungarian, internationally acquainted researchers and university professors.

Acta Alimentaria has been listed among internationally renowned journals with impact factor since 1978. The impact factor of Acta Alimentaria was between 0.274 and 0.505 in the past 10 years; about one quarter of food science journals fall into this range. The present impact factor (2016) is 0.357, while the 5-years IF is 0.456. Volume 46 is issued in the year 2017.

The journal publishes English-language papers in the field of food science and technology, primarily original research articles, but reviews are also invited from renowned scientists on areas of public interest. The main areas of the journal are: chemistry, physics, physical chemistry, analytics, biology, microbiology, enzymology, biotechnology, and nutrition science connected to food raw materials and ready-to-eat products; their social impact; machines, operations, instruments, automation, and economy in food industry. The journal also includes book reviews, conference calls, and advertisements.

The journal is published by the Academic Publishers (member of Wolters Kluwer Group) in 4 issues (one volume) per year. The journal gives space to publications from young researchers. Beside the Hungarian authors, manuscripts come from European and other countries (Turkey, India, China, Brazil, etc.) as well. The submitted manuscripts are peer reviewed according to

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