



A new inspiration for acarological life: *Acarological Studies*

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The number of published articles on Acari has been about 12,000 every ten years but this number is increasing rapidly (Zhang, 2014, 2017). In addition, many journals, including *Zootaxa*, publish papers on mites but they are not dedicated to acarology (Zhang, 2014).

Acarology is an enormous field that is a richly rewarding but greatly understudied. I encourage you to introduce students to the extraordinary world of mites so that the next generation of acarologists is ready to embrace the countless research opportunities available.

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Table 1. List of acarological journals

1. *Acar Bibliographia Acarologica* has been published tri-annually by Senckenberg Publications in Germany since 2001. It is not a research journal.
2. *Acarina, Russian Journal of Acarology* has been issued semi-annually by KMK Scientific Press on behalf of the Zoological Museum of Moscow University in Russia since 1993.
3. *Acarines* has been issued annually by Egyptian Society of Acarology in Egypt since 2007 but discontinued in 2015.
4. *Acarologia* is published in one volume of 4 issues per year in France, and founded in 1959.
5. *Acarologie*, was published by Hirschmann-Verlag Nürnberg in the years 1957-1993, now discontinued.
6. *Acarology Bulletin* is a quarterly newsletter of the Systematic and Applied Acarology Society since 1996, but discontinued in 2007. It is not a research journal.
7. *EURAAC Newsletter* is a semi-annual newsletter of European Association of Acarologists in Austria in the years 2009-2012, now discontinued. It is not a research journal.
8. *Experimental and Applied Acarology* has been published monthly by Springer since 1985.
9. *International Journal of Acarology* is one volume of 8 issues per year, published by Taylor and Francis, and founded in 1975.
10. *Journal of Acarology*, initially *Indian Journal of Acarology*, is a semi-annual journal of the Acarological Society of India, published from 1976 to 2000 and publishing thereafter irregularly.
11. *Journal of the Acarological Society of Japan* is a semi-annual journal published in Japan by The Acarological Society of Japan since 1992.
12. *Journal of Entomological and Acarological Research*, formerly *Bollettino di Zoologia Agraria e di Bachicoltura*, is a tri-annual journal, and was founded in Italy in 1928. It is not dedicated to acarology, includes acarology but entomology may be the bigger part.
13. *Persian Journal of Acarology*, a quarterly journal of the Acarological Society of Iran, has been published since 2012.
14. *Systematic and Applied Acarology* is a monthly journal of the Systematic and Applied Acarology Society in the UK since 1996.
15. *Systematic and Applied Acarology Special Publications* was active from 1997 to 2009, merged with its sister journal *Systematic and Applied Acarology* in 2012.
16. *Ticks and Tick-borne Diseases*, a bimonthly journal, has been published by Elsevier since 2010.

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