

Preface

Dear Academicians, Readers and Educators,

We are pleased to present the issue of the *International Journal of Secondary Metabolite* as a special issue entitled '*I. International Congress on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants - "Natural And Healthy Life"*'. This special issue contains some of scientific studies presented in the congress.

Hosting the *I. International Medical and Aromatic Plant Congress*, held in Konya on 9-12 May 2017, by the cooperation *T.R. Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs, General Directorate of Forestry and Necmettin Erbakan University* was a great honor for us.

The total number of abstract submission for the congress was 1923. After the scientific evaluation, 85 abstracts were rejected and 244 abstracts were withdrawn. As a result, a total of 1594 abstracts were accepted for presentation: 280 of them as oral presentation and 1314 as poster presentation. 2604 authors were contributed and 1543 participants were participated to the congress. The studies presented in the congress was electronically shared in terms of accessibility.

The authors of 220 papers, presented in the congress, submitted to the *International Journal of Secondary Metabolite* for publication. 70 of them were published and 150 full papers were rejected due to revision deadline, reviewing process etc. after reviewing process.

I would like to special thank to the Journal founder for publishing and also to the editor, editorial board and authors for contributing this issue.
Best regards.

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