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Supplement Issue of ACMAP

Introducing this first supplement issue of the *Journal of Medicinally Active Plants* (JMAP) is an honor and a pleasure. Here is a compendium of abstracts of oral and poster presentations from the first, second, and third annual conferences of the American Council for Medicinally Active Plants (ACMAP).

The first ACMAP conference, organized by Program Chair James E. Simon, was held on July 20 - 23, 2010, at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. The second ACMAP conference was held on July 17 - 20, 2011, in Huntsville, Alabama and was organized by Program Chair Srinivasa Rao Mentreddy. Program Chair Fabricio Medina-Bolivar organized the third ACMAP conference held on May 22 - May 25, 2012, hosting national and international participants at the Arkansas Biosciences Institute on the campus of Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

The first three ACMAP conferences have showcased strong scientific programs. As reflected by the abstracts in this supplement issue, papers that are presented at the ACMAP meetings cover a full gamut of subject matters related to medicinal plants including bioprospecting, production and quality control of botanicals, effects of bioactive compounds on human and animal health, isolation and chemical structure characterization and optimization of medicinally active constituents, plant metabolic engineering and transcriptomics, micropropagation and germplasm conservation, ethnobotany, as well as industrial applications.

ACMAP conferences have forgathered different scientific disciplines and has served to link agriculture to chemistry, nutrition, health, molecular biology, manufacturing and commerce. We are experiencing increased interest from other scientific disciplines, and we expect the topics presented at ACMAP conferences to be more expansive.

We plan to publish abstracts from future ACMAP meetings as a supplement issue of JMAP.

We invite you to be a member of ACMAP and participate in ACMAP meetings.

Sincerely,

Agnes M. Rimando



2013 ACMAP President