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**Dear Dr. Petrescu-Mag,**

Re: Plagiarized data published by Stoian *et al.* ABAH Bioflux, 2020, Volume 12, Issue 2, p. 49-69

I am the principal investigator and supervisor of MSc research of Dr. Colby Klein.

I thank you sincerely for your prompt reply to Dr. Klein's e-mail. I am very pleased to see your willingness to retract the plagiarized manuscript/article and uphold the high standards of scientific ethics. These voluntary swift actions will certainly protect reputation of your Animal Biology & Animal Husbandry - International Journal of the Bioflux Society and respective universities. The retraction of this article will also rectify at least in part misconduct of Remus-Octav Stoian, the first author of the manuscript/article, who plagiarized and appropriated figures, tables, and histological findings from Dr. Klein's research poster presented at 2019 Apimondia, Montreal, Canada.

Providing that the expedited procedures are implemented for the retraction of the plagiarized manuscript/article and an official letter is issued by the journal that the article was retracted, we do not intend to press charges and demand compensation for the damages inflicted by this plagiarism act.

Accordingly, I sincerely hope that you can send me as soon as possible an official letter issued by the Animal Biology & Animal Husbandry - International Journal of the Bioflux Society confirming that the R.O. Stoian's article entitled "The influence of temperature on the gonadal maturation of the drone of *Apis mellifera* (Insect: Hymenoptera: Apidae)" has been retracted.

I thank you in advance for your understanding, help and cooperation in this matter.

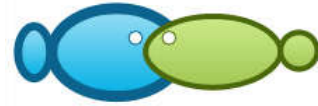
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### Letter of retraction

We hereby inform you that the paper "Stoian et al., 2020 The influence of temperature on the gonadal maturation of the drone of *Apis mellifera* (Insect: Hymenoptera: Apidae). ABAH Bioflux 12(2):49-69" was retracted on April 13, 2021, as a result of Bioflux publishing house investigation on your complaint (dated: April 11, 2021). The analysis of the complaint and the decision to retract the paper was taken by the publisher based on a discussion with the authors and editors involved (except Dr. Miklos Botha, who passed away last month). Because the first author – Stoian R.-O. – admitted that he plagiarized and appropriated figures, tables, and histological findings from Dr. Klein's research poster presented at 2019 Apimondia, Montreal, Canada (without informing his co-authors), our decision was firm and rapid. All authors of the indicated paper agreed to retraction.

Plagiarized data were also included (in another form and another language of publication) in a book, published at the end of 2020 [Stoian R.-O., 2020 Studiu privind influenta temperaturii asupra dezvoltarii testiculelor la trantorii albinei melifere (*Apis mellifera*) in perioada de maturizare sexuala. Editura Bioflux, Cluj-Napoca. Versiunea online, ISBN 978-606-8887-85-2]. This book was also retracted.

We will inform each database we work with about the retraction of this paper. We will also publish a note of retraction in the next issue, 13(1), and your letter as an annex.

We apologize for all the inconvenience caused.

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