

# MycoAsia - Journal of modern mycology

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## Submission Guidelines for Authors (01.07.2019)

**MycoAsia** is an international online open-access peer-reviewed journal dedicated to all aspects of modern mycology.

**MycoAsia vision:** To promote the sharing/ exchange of knowledge/ information/ developments amongst mycology research community in Asia with a global perspective, by establishing an online open-access peer-reviewed journal, with no cost to authors

**Aims and scope:** MycoAsia aims to publish original manuscripts on all major mycological aspects/ topics including, but not limited to, diversity, ecology, phylogeny and taxonomy of fungi. MycoAsia invites original manuscripts on discovery, cultivation, characterization, description, identification, classification, metabolites and nomenclature of fungi, preferably from (under-explored) terrestrial and aquatic habitats of Asian countries. The journal also welcomes manuscripts on lichens.

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