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## **PUBLICATIONS: MUSHROOM INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY**

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### **ABSTRACT**

**The average quality of mushroom research papers has been less than that for other sciences. The reasons are investigated and discussed positively with the hope of improving future quality. Some reasons identified are: The very great amount of research that has been published without any review by knowledgeable referees. The great scattering of papers among a huge number of journals. The lack of qualified referees in many journals. The use of journals that are so obscure that there is no reasonable chance that interested researchers will ever find them.**

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