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## Preface

This special issue of *Formosan Entomologist* (*FE*) is the result of an international symposium on gall-inducing arthropods held at the Huisun Experimental Forest Station, Nantou, Taiwan, between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2018. It was organized as the 7<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Cecidology: Ecology and Evolution of Gall-Inducing Arthropods. The slogan of the symposium was *Let's Gall Taiwan*. Pertinent information can be found in the weblinks: <http://www.lets gall.tw>, <https://www.facebook.com/lets.gall/>. It is close to 25 years since the first symposium of this series was held in Siberia in 1993. A concise historical review of the previous symposia, including the presently referred seventh, is provided after this preface.

Although the previous symposia of this series were known as 'gall symposia' in short, specific titles given to each of them varied. The word 'Cecidology' is introduced into the title of the symposium for the first time, due to its historical popularity of the term cecidology. This special issue starts with Dr. Raman's review of cecidology in the past one hundred years, followed by Dr. Yukawa's methodological paper depicting how good galls are useful to us in providing us with ecological information. The other five papers cover ecological, biodiversity, invasive themes. A review of the book, *Let's Gall Taiwan—A Guide Book on Insect Galls* published in March 2018 during the symposium held at Huisun Experimental Forest Station.

Since these symposia are held every four

years, this special issue of *FE* will update our knowledges on gall-inducing arthropods and their associates. We believe that this issue of *FE* along with other presentations made during the symposium will contribute to the development of cecidological studies in future.

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