



Asymmetry Indexes, Behavioural Instability and the Characterization of Behavioural Patterns II

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The novel concept of behavioural instability and its implications for the definition of the individual personality is now well established. It has been recognized that there is a need for high level of accuracy of a distribution's four parameters: 1) mean, 2) variance, 3) skewness, and 4) kurtosis. In particular, the skewness of a distribution and the mean's distance from the median of the distribution are very relevant for the characterization of the degree of asymmetry of a distribution. These two parameters allow us to quantify the degree of asymmetry in terms of fluctuating asymmetry and directional asymmetry. The variance can be used to estimate the degree of phenotypic variability, which is also correlated with the degree of asymmetry. There is now a need to test the method of "Asymmetry Indexes- Behavioural Instability", on studies with larger sample size from animals kept in captivity and/or model organisms under different environmental setups which can be controlled in the laboratory...





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