



THE OMBUDSMAN FOR ACADEMIC ETHICS AND PROCEDURES OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

DECISION REGARDING COMPLAINT OF VIKTORAS DEVEIKIS OF 16 MARCH 2015

5 June 2015 No. SP-15

Vilnius

The **Ombudsman for Academic Ethics and Procedures of the Republic of Lithuania** (hereinafter – Ombudsman), <...> examined the complaint of Viktoras Deveikis (hereinafter – applicant), the material submitted by the applicant and Ass. Prof. Dr. Amšiejus, received in the Office of Ombudsman for Academic Ethics and Procedures of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter – Office of Ombudsman) on 16 March 2015, and **determined that:**

The applicant in his complaint states that in A. Amšiejus book “Zootechnical Counter-Measures against Varroa Destructor Mites” (hereinafter – book) “presented research data are mystically recurrent”; numbers of drone broods, bee broods and bees presented in the tables of the book coincide; “there is not a single table in the work in which data would not be repeated”. The applicant in his complaint also states that the author of the book confirmed non-use of a special methodology that would explain recurrence of the data and the author did not explain recurrence of the tables in the book.

The applicant requests the Ombudsman “to confirm that the aforementioned book presents misleading data”; “to order the author to ensure that this book is not circulated”; “to order the author to make a public apology to Lithuanian beekeepers”; “to order the author to return money to the state <...> for failure to fulfil the project “Zootechnical Counter-Measures against Varroa Destructor Mites.”

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<...> without questioning the scientific value of the book and suitability of the procedure for determination of mite infestation in order to obtain the data presented in the book, incorrectness of numbers of drone broods, bee broods and bees has not been established.

The Ombudsman decided:

To declare the applicant`s complaint unfounded.
