

“New manuscript”

Dear Sir Julián Monge Nájera:

We are submitting the manuscript **Cellular Development of the Germinal Epithelium during the Adult Reproductive Life History of the Golden Mussel *Limnoperna fortunei* (Dunker, 1857) (Bivalvia: Mytilidae)** to Revista de Biología Tropical: International Journal of Tropical Biology and Conservation.

Following the authors' guide:

- a) The document is original and all coauthors agree with its publication.
- b) We meet your ethical requirement.
- c) The study is important to tropical biology and conservation because the golden mussel is an invasive species that causes economic and ecological damage (recorded in the literature and our observation in the field). The article describes a refined vision of gametogenesis through light microscopy and proposes a classification of reproductive phases following new concepts and terminology.
- d) We agree to pay excess page fee charges if required.
- e) We suggest reviewers from Japan, Europe or the USA already known to the journal.

Sincerely,

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