LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Comment on ‘Zearalenone occurrence and human exposure’

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To the editor

In Maragos (2010, ‘Zearalenone occurrence and human exposure’, World Mycotoxin Journal 3: 369-384) it was stated that countries in which zearalenone was detected in water included Portugal. A reference to Russell and Paterson (2007) was provided. However, this work refers to research where a strain of Fusarium graminearum from a water distribution system in the United States of America, was grown in vitro in water from the United Kingdom and zearalenone was detected de novo. Nothing relating to Portugal was involved in the work, apart from the current address of the author. In addition, the name of the author is incorrect as explained in Paterson (2007).

References