

Editorial

The South Pacific Journal Natural of Science (SPJNS) publishes original articles in the area of pure and applied sciences with the focus on the work carried out in the South Pacific region and work having implications to this region. Over the past years the scope of SPJNS has increased considerably primarily due to our agreement with Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO) publishing of Australia and sincere efforts by associate editors in attracting the quality research papers from all over the world. Authors and readers have free access to the CSIRO publishing for any number of downloads. Volumes of SPJNS starting from volume 19 have been added to SPJNS web site <http://www.publish.csiro.au/nid/248/aid/9693.htm> and efforts are being made to upload past volumes of the journal.

The current volume (27) of SPJNS contains eleven full papers and two short communications. These papers range from trace element concentrations in sediments, improving taro production, effect of hybrids, plant density and fertility levels on nutrient concentration to annual effective dose due to natural radionuclide in the reservoir and tap water and other important disciplines. Journal is committed to maintain its multidisciplinary approach to continue inviting original research papers from various disciplines related to Science and Technology including marine science, geography, mathematics, engineering and information science etc.

As Editor-in-Chief (volume 27) I am thankful to the SPJNS Editorial Board for appointing me as Chief Editor for this year's volume. I sincerely acknowledge the constant support and suggestions provided by Prof. Anand P. Tyagi, chairman of the editorial board. I am grateful to all internal and external editors and reviewers for their timely and valuable contributions in reviewing the papers and providing feedback to authors to improve/revise their research papers for publication in SPJNS. Without their support it would have not been possible to bring out this volume in time. This year, the formatting of the papers has been is slightly changed to better meet the standard of international journals.

Finally my special thanks to Mr. Shivneel Prasad for formatting the papers and preparation of metadata to publish SPJNS volume 27. I am also grateful to the Graphic Illustrator Ms. Sereama Raimua for designing the cover page of volume 27.

My best wishes for a Happy New Year 2010!

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