

## Editorial

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The SPJNAS has an editorial board with researchers from the South Pacific Region and international scientific community. The journal publishes review articles, original research articles, short communications and book reviews dealing with the areas in agriculture, biology, biotechnology, biochemistry, chemistry, climate change, computing, food, mathematics, statistics, engineering, physics and technology. The SPJNAS welcomes high quality submissions dealing with experimental, theoretical and applied research related to all branches of science and technology which can cater the advancement of scientific knowledge particularly in the South Pacific Region and for wider application by the international scientific community.

The SPJNAS has now positioned as the main scientific interdisciplinary journal of natural and applied sciences not only in the South Pacific region but also in the world. In comparison to previous years, the number of quality submitted papers for publication in the SPJNAS has increased. The mission and commitment of the SPJNAS is to publish the high quality research results produced in the USP regional countries or abroad.

The SPJNAS volume 29 contains nine papers including one short communication. These papers encompass the areas like Cabbage webworm on tickweed in Samoa, Co-inoculants aspergilli and rhizobia as biofertilizers, Detection of aneuploidy using FISH analysis, Development of strategy for competent cell preparation and high efficiency plasmid transformation, Antimicrobia and phytochmeical potential of mycorrhizal fungi, Sea level changes in the Pacific Region and impact of 2009 El Nino in Fiji, Multiple response stratified sampling design with travel cost, and Nonresponse in stratified sampling- a mathematical approach. I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the authors for their contributions, the editorial board members and the external and internal referees for the support in reviewing these articles. I look forward to receiving from you in the form of review articles, original research papers and short communications describing novel results on pressing scientific issues of Pacific Region and the world.

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Sincerely.

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