
Editorial

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As the Journal moves into its second year of publication, the diversity of topics addressed in the papers that we publish serves to illustrate the scope and dynamism of contemporary environmental research. Clearly, this field of research is thriving in numerous universities and research institutes around the world. Whilst the fortunes of the environment on the political agenda may well fluctuate, it remains of fundamental importance that we retain the research momentum that has been built up over the past 30 years or so. There remain many environmental issues that are strikingly under-researched, particularly in developing countries. There are many others, perhaps long-established foci for research, which will nonetheless benefit from the insights that new research initiatives can provide. Future editions of this Journal will include some special theme issues as well as more wide-ranging numbers that cover a wide range of environmental and sustainability-related topics. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our contributing authors, our reviewers and the members of the editorial board for their assistance in the development of *IJESD*. I would also welcome suggestions and proposals for future theme editions.