

Editorial

This is the first issue of the *International Journal of Environment and Health*, a newborn publication published by Inderscience Enterprises Ltd. This journal will deal with many environment-related health problems, covering both theoretical modelling and applied research: analytical monitoring of biological, chemical and physical contaminants; applied clinical studies; ecotoxicology and biomonitoring; environmental biosensors and biomarkers; ecosystem protection and management; environmental restoration and recovery; environment-related diseases/pathologies; regulatory aspects and legislation; bioethical issues.

The main difference of this journal from others, covering roughly the same range of sub-disciplines? My idea – shared by the Associate Editors, by the Editorial Board and also by the publisher (and especially by Prof. Mohammed Dorgham, the major driving force of this journal) – is to treat any issue of the journal as an original contribution, covering a specific topic relevant to environmental health. The idea is also to promote the publication of thematic issues, and to evaluate the structure, organisation and the content of a whole issue, rather than that of a single paper. The idea is, in other words, to make every issue – and especially every special issue – a self-consistent volume, to be used as a reference text on that specific field of environmental health. This can include, for instance, the specific study – from a multi-disciplinary point of view of local cases as well as the development of theoretical models in view of their general application to the study of environmental and health problems.

This general layout will not prevent contributors from submitting single papers, either research studies or review articles, but nonetheless I strongly encourage any suggestions and proposals for the preparation of thematic special issues. The forum is open...

We are very grateful for the support and cooperation of a considerable number of internationally recognised colleagues who have contributed with the latest advancement of their research projects in the first issue. We hope that the content of this issue will stimulate the interest of the scientific audience towards our journal, and that we will soon receive proposals, requests of co-operation and obviously manuscripts, from many of you.

Finally, we know that timing is now an important component of our scientific activities. We (the Editorial Board and myself) guarantee that we will keep the reviewing process and the overall publication time as short as possible, and, at the same time, that any communication we will receive from any of you will be considered with the highest priority.

I look forward to receiving your comments, suggestions, remarks and criticisms.

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