
Editorial

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The 3rd International Conference on Bioenergy, Environment and Sustainable Technologies (BEST2017) was organised in Arunai Engineering College, Tiruvannamalai, Tamilnadu, India during 23–25 January 2017. Research papers from around the world have been presented as oral and poster presentations in the conference. The authors were given a chance to submit their full length papers in *International*

Journal of Environment and Sustainable Development, those papers were related to bioenergy, environment and sustainable technologies, out of which 14 papers were selected for publication after peer review.

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