

Editorial

Environments: A New Cutting-Edge International and Interdisciplinary Scholarly Open Access Journal

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Environments across the earth comprise human and natural systems which are influenced and changed by natural processes and anthropogenic activities of various scales, both globally and locally [1–4]. Natural systems such as aquatic, atmospheric, and terrestrial environments without human intervention encompass all living and non-living things with interactions of processes such as environmental physical, chemical, biological, and biogeochemical. Such processes need to be examined in environmental studies using advanced techniques and analysis methods. Moreover, through such processes, the living and non-living are intimately related to each other as natural systems from aquatic, atmospheric, and terrestrial environments also provide natural resources for human needs [1]. Conversely, human systems comprise areas and components that human activities such as agricultural activities, industrialization, or urbanization heavily influence, possibly causing environmental pollution. Correspondingly, environmental analytical methods and techniques for pollution control and prevention, as well as conservation of natural resources all provide further insight into environmental chemistry, environmental biology, ecology, geosciences, and environmental physics in natural systems from the viewpoint of environmental planning, environmental engineering and policy, environmental health and toxicology. Environmental pollution and soil, air, and water-related disasters involve complex interactions among natural and anthropogenic causes [1,4–9]. However, as is well recognized, in addition to their increasing emphasis on the investigation of environmental science and related techniques, environmental studies also focus on environmental planning, environmental assessments, environmental management, and environmental policy that cross multiple disciplinary boundaries in order to solve environmental problems, and thus improve our environment.

The launch of the *Environments* journal ushers in a highly promising international and cross-disciplinary scholarly open access journal on the advances and challenges in addressing environmental, technology, and policy-related issues. Such issues include research topics in environmental chemistry, environmental biology, ecology, geosciences, environmental physics,

pollution control and prevention, conservation of natural resources, aquatic, atmospheric and terrestrial environment, environmental planning, environmental engineering and policy, environmental health and toxicology, as well as environmental analytical methods. The journal encourages scientists to publish high quality studies with experimental and theoretical results with an emphasis on the value of depth of coverage as well as breadth. No restrictions are placed on the length of submissions, thereby allowing authors to share data and results in as much detail as possible. However, the full experimental details must be provided so that the results can be replicated. Electronic files and software regarding the full details of the calculation or experimental procedure, if unable to be published in a normal manner, can be deposited as supplementary electronic material.

The Editorial Board looks upon the *Environments* journal as a unique venture in the publication of environmental-related research. Submissions are welcome in subject areas that are relevant to the aims and scope of the journal. Additionally, we are committed to the recognition of this publication as a leading international journal that advocates cutting edge research in environment-related studies. However, publication success heavily depends on the readership and potential authors. Accordingly, all submissions will be subject to a rigorous peer review and fast editorial processing and then published online for a wide international audience. On behalf of the Editorial Board, I invite you to submit your original works and proposals for Special Issues to the *Environments* journal in order to share in this exciting new venture.

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