

Editorial

A New Open Access *Journal of Marine Science and Engineering*

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The oceans cover approximately 71% of the Earth's surface and contain more than 97% of the planet's water, representing over 100 times more liveable volume than the terrestrial habitat. Approximately fifty percent of the species on the planet occupy this ocean biome, much of which remains unexplored. The health and sustainability of the oceans are threatened by a combination of pressures associated with climate change and the ever-increasing demands we place on them for food, recreation, trade, energy and minerals. The biggest threat, however, is the pace of change to the oceans, e.g., ocean acidification, which is unprecedented in human history. Consequently, there has never been a greater need for the rapid and widespread dissemination of the outcomes of research aimed at improving our understanding of how the oceans work and solutions to their sustainable use. It is our hope that this new online, open-access *Journal of Marine Science and Engineering* will go some way to fulfilling this need.

The *Journal of Marine Science and Engineering* welcomes submissions from all fields of marine science and engineering, including but not limited to: marine biology, marine ecology, marine chemistry, marine biotechnology, fisheries science, aquaculture, biological oceanography, chemical oceanography, physical oceanography, geological oceanography, oceanographical engineering, underwater technology, coastal engineering, offshore engineering, hydrodynamics and naval architecture. We are particularly keen to provide a platform for dissemination of interdisciplinary research on sustainable use of the oceans. The journal will publish reviews, research papers and communications, and there is no restriction on length of article. The primary considerations for selection are that the work is original, of high quality, clearly presented and exciting. Our Editorial Board of international experts is committed to a fair and rigorous peer review process, and rapid publication; the average turn around time for MDPI journals is about 50–70 days.

We hope that you will share our enthusiasm for this new journal and look forward to working with you to make it a leader in its field.

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