

## Editorial

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### 1. Introduction

Welcome to the first issue of the fifth volume of the Journal of Sustainable Futures for Human Security (J-Sustain).

This issue will continue to feature a number of selected papers from the 2015 Sustain conference, as well as a number of regular articles. Themes cover important issues in energy: modelling of shale gas production; environment: enhancing biodegradation of complex organic compounds; forestry: livelihoods of communities, traceability and preferences in food supply chains, sago production trends and implications; and social issues: ethics in corporations and leadership in communities. Again, this diversity and the cross-cutting themes highlight the complexity and interdisciplinary nature of sustainability.

We would like to remind prospective authors again that the linkage of the submission to sustainability and the consideration of a broad audience are important factors in the acceptance of papers in this journal. This is particularly relevant for regular submissions.

The editors would also welcome proposals for special issues with relevance to the themes and aims of the journal.

### 2. 2017 SUSTAIN Conference

The 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Sustainable Futures for Human Security (SUSTAIN 2017) is currently in planning – and will be open for submissions soon. The current details are:

Venue: Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam

Dates: 22-23 September

We will again be supporting the conference, and we encourage authors to attend this growing and important multi-disciplinary event focused on important issues of sustainability.

For more detail see: <http://sustain-conference.com/>

### 3. New look Journal and Editorial Team

J-Sustain is undergoing positive changes in the attempt to better support author submission and tracking of progress of papers from entry to publication. We expect to bring out

a new online submission system in coming months, along with improvements to paper indexing.

The new structure and editorial team is as follows:

Chief Editors

1. Assoc. Prof. Ben McLellan (Kyoto University, Japan)
2. Nuki Agya Utama, PhD (Swiss German University, Indonesia)

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We remind authors that they are welcome to upload their papers on institutional repositories, or post the link to their paper as they like. The papers remain open access indefinitely.

### 4. Impact Factor

We have often been asked what the impact factor (IF) of J-Sustain is. At this point in time, the journal is not indexed by SCOPUS, and does not have an official impact factor. However, using the same methodology, we have internally calculated the IF, which can now be found on our website under FAQs. This internal IF of 1.15 as of 2016 is considered to be quite promising for a multi-disciplinary journal and it is anticipated that this should improve following indexing in the not-too-distant future.

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