

Editorial

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1. Introduction

Welcome to the first issue of the sixth volume of the Journal of Sustainable Futures for Human Security (J-Sustain). This issue includes papers on disaster management, energy and on the topic of heavy metals in soils.

2018 has so far seen continued focus on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) from many quarters, largely with a focus on the interpretation and "operationalization" of these goals in society. In academic circles and in various governmental and non-governmental arenas, the SDGs have been a topic of discussion – as both developed and developing nations seek to understand how the goals are relevant within different contexts. There are also ongoing conversations about how the interlinkage of the goals affects their respective achievement, as well as how these interactions influence beyond the boundaries of the goals themselves. The SDGs were limited in number and scope by design (despite stretching to more than 160 targets under the 17 broad goals), and it is apparent that some key areas that influence global sustainability are not included directly. For example, resources (particularly mineral resources) are not a specific focus, although they can be included under the broad goal of responsible consumption and production (goal 12). It is thus important to find the gaps in the SDGs, or the ways in which the various non-specified aspects of human endeavor may be connected or contribute to the achievement of the goals.

J-Sustain is founded on the aim of publishing wide ranging papers that add to the discourse on sustainability – and the linkage with the SDGs is clearly important in this. 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. How does the research enhance our understanding relevant to sustainability in the sense of social, environmental and economic impacts? What is the practical implication of the research – either its ability to translate into real-world applications or to help understand environmental and social processes that humanity should seek to enhance or hinder in order to promote a more holistically positive future? Even just asking how the research would fit within the framework of the SDGs is a good start to understanding

the sustainability contribution. This is particularly relevant for regular submissions.

We look forward to welcoming your submissions in 2018.

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

2. 2018 SUSTAIN Conference

The 7th International Conference on Sustainable Futures for Human Security (SUSTAIN 2018) has been held in Padang, Indonesia this year (29-30 October). This year, it was held in conjunction with the 3rd International Conference on Green Development in Tropical Regions.

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

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

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