

Editorial

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1. Introduction

Welcome to the second volume of J-Sustain, and the first issue for 2014. This issue features a number of articles selected from the 4th International Conference on Sustainable Futures for Human Security (SUSTAIN 2013), which was held in October of 2013. The topics cover a number of key areas of energy and associated technology futures, governance, conflict and disasters. This edition again demonstrates the broad areas in which sustainability research is being conducted.

This year is also an important year with regard to the progressive discussions of sustainability globally, in preparation for the next phase (post-2015) of the Millennium Development Goals. It is our hope that J-Sustain can also provide a platform for the discussion of issues and research related to both the achievement of the current MDG's and potential future targets.

Moreover, there is hope for progress towards comprehensive agreements in international climate change discussions in Paris, 2015. The energy and environment section of the journal is one obvious area for papers in this field, but there is also need for papers that address the implications of climate change for society, disasters and adaptation in agro-forestry and built environment.

So far in this second year, we have received numerous well-prepared papers, and we continue to endeavor to deliver timely, high-quality processing of these papers, including rigorous peer-review.

2. Call for papers – 2014 Conference

The Call for Papers for the 5th International Conference on Sustainable Futures for Human Security (SUSTAIN 2014) has just been released. (<http://sustain-conference.com/>). This year, the conference venue has been shifted to Bali, Indonesia. The Sustain Society hopes to welcome you to this year's conference, which builds upon the success of the previous four conferences in Kyoto.

Venue: Sanur Paradise Plaza Hotel & Suites, Bali, INDONESIA

Dates: November 19 - 21, 2014

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