

Editorial

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1. Introduction

Welcome to the second issue of J-Sustain, for 2014. This issue features three articles covering very different topic areas – cyber-terrorism, earthquake construction codes and the international trade in plywood. This edition again demonstrates the broad areas in which sustainability research is being conducted.

As mentioned in our first editorial this year, the coming 12-18 months are particularly important from the perspective of a sustainable future for human security. The recent wave of conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine, and the Ebola epidemic in Africa are obvious and urgent issues that have taken both media and community attention. However, the lead-up to the major environment and development conferences of 2015 is also of vital importance for the global community – despite currently receiving little attention.

J-Sustain hopes to offer a vehicle for publishing academically-rigorous discussion articles that can contribute towards the achievement of better outcomes for sustainable futures post-2015. Articles related to immediate crisis issues are of course welcome.

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 peer-review. Some delays have been experienced due to process realignment and staff relocation, and we thank both the authors and readers for their patience.

In 2015 we will be starting the year with a new look editorial board, who we will introduce in the first issue of the 3rd volume.

2. 2014 Conference

The 5th International Conference on Sustainable Futures for Human Security (SUSTAIN 2014) was held successfully in Bali, Indonesia November 19 - 21, 2014. (<http://sustain-conference.com/>). It was a highly successful follow-on from the previous conferences in Japan, with over 100 presented papers. As with previous years, selected articles from the conference will be published in J-Sustain later in 2015.

The Sustain Society hopes to welcome you to the next year's conference, and we will update with details as they become available.

3. Sustainability connections

One key differentiator of J-Sustain is that we aim to have all of the articles published directly addressing how niche areas of scientific endeavor can have actual, scalable impacts on broader, global problems. We would like to remind potential authors that we require this as to be included in the articles submitted for publication.

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