

Editorial

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1. Introduction to the issue

Welcome to this second issue of the International Journal of Sustainable Futures for Human Security (J-Sustain) – another diverse set of articles across the broad spectrum of scientific activity that contributes to understanding sustainability.

Papers in this issue highlight the challenges of sustainable forestry and remediating the declining rainforest, on the importance of such forest in the water balance, the valuation of ecosystems services with distinctions in rural areas with demographic challenges, on the learnings from natural disasters and on the irrigation of marginal agricultural land. This issue also discusses the social aspect on the financial issues such as through Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES) in rural areas.

These topic areas are indicative of the breadth of sustainability issues needing to be incorporated in building a sustainable society for the future.

2. The future

This issue also brings to a close our first year of publication. We are looking forward to expanding both the readership base and the authorship demographic over the next year, starting with our third issue in January next year.

In addition, next year we will test our concept of an “integrative final issue” encapsulating the work published throughout the year, and pointing out key areas for future research.

3. Conference

As mentioned in the first issue, this journal arose from the SUSTAIN series of conferences, which have been held in Kyoto, Japan for the past 4 years. This year’s conference will be held on October 19-21st and will again

attract a large number of participants (presenters and listeners alike). The conference will cover a very broad range of sustainability-related issues, and participation is still possible at this late stage. (www.sustain-kyoto.com)

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