

Letter from the Editor

The Asia Pacific Journal for Molecular Biology and Biotechnology is moving up a gear. Many changes are taking place and readers and contributors can expect to see the journal taking a more proactive approach to publication while maintaining our commitment to open access. We are streamlining our processes and timelines, and for Volume 18, 4 issues will be published in February, May, August and November of 2010. As a taste to the exciting volumes coming out in 2009, we are happy to announce the publication of our first special issue. The coming issue will be the first of a series of special issues targeting emerging areas which have an important impact particularly on the Asia Pacific Region. The special issue focusing on TRANSGENIC INSECTS: From laboratory to field, (APJMBB vol. 17. No 3) is published with the support of the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases of the World Health Organization (WHO/TDR) and University of Malaya's Biotechnology and Bioproduct Cluster (UMBIO). Guest Editor Dr.S.S Vasani from Oxford, who has also come on board as associate editor of our upcoming editions, has put together an exciting and important collection of articles in what many believe will be a viable and important approach for combating the ever increasing problem of vector-borne diseases. Diseases such as Dengue and Malaria continue to elude eradication and complimentary strategies have to be developed to ensure a multi-pronged attack on every facet of these diseases.

Look forward also to guest reviews by some of Asia Pacific's leading scientists and biotechnologists as well as special features on Institutes, initiatives and organizations in the region. We will also be bringing back our popular events calendar and would like invite all organizers to submit their 2010 events as soon as possible for listing in our February Issue. A letters page will also mean that our readership will be able to send their comments, commentaries on current issues in molecular biology and biotechnology. We hope that the new APJMBB will not only provide an important resource for current readers and contributors in terms of scientific content but will also become a focus journal for updates and discussion on the Asia Pacific's issues and progress in the field of molecular biology and biotechnology.

Best wishes.

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