

ScienceAsia: On the move

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The new Editorial team has taken over the operation of *ScienceAsia* since February 2019, beginning with Volume 45 Issue 1. We have re-organized *ScienceAsia* to achieve good and efficient management, so that now the Editorial team consists of the Editor-in-Chief, Editors and Managing Editor, as well as the Editorial Board. The Advisory Committee comprising former Presidents of the Science Society of Thailand and a former *ScienceAsia* Editor, will play an important role in giving advice on policy and administrative aspects of the journal. Our Editorial Board consists of renowned researchers specialized in different fields of sciences from within and outside Thailand, who will help raise *ScienceAsia* to a high standard with international reputation.

We have classified the manuscripts in *ScienceAsia* into four sections (please see Journal policy for details), namely Biological Sciences and Biotechnology, Chemistry and Material Sciences, Environmental and Applied Sciences, and Mathematics and Physical Sciences. Balancing the content between sections in each issue will be our goal in order to serve readers in wide areas of science. However, please be informed that manuscripts in Social Science and Technologies are not in our focus. At this stage, we welcome research articles and short communications as defined in Instructions to Authors, while review articles will be by invitation only. A high proportion of manuscripts currently come from overseas, especially from the Asian region, but we would like to receive a good proportion of manuscripts from Thai authors, since the costs of the journal are partially supported by the Thai government through the National Research Council of Thailand. In this regard, please be aware that *ScienceAsia* has a publication charge (see details under Publication Charge) to help alleviate the costs of publication in both hard copy and electronic version.

The most difficult task we confront is to speed up the handling process for submitted manuscripts. We will try our best to shorten this period through the work of the Editorial team, Editorial Board and Reviewers who are experts in various fields. Another point of concern is to push forward to increase the impact factor and quartile level of the journal, which can be achieved by publishing high quality manuscripts submitted by renowned scientists worldwide.

In our new move, we also would like to ask the authors to take responsibility of preparing their manuscripts to meet the highest academic standards, with flawless language, precise referencing, and perfect formatting. Manuscripts with excellent English will help improve the quality of articles thereby enhancing the reputation of the journal. In case the submitted manuscript requires English language editing, the authors will be asked to use professional academic proofreading and editing services at their own expense before the manuscript is accepted. To help the authors, the list of professional proofreading services will be provided. On returning the manuscript to our online system, the authors must attach the certificate/ letter of proof issued by the service company.

At this moment of the new transition of the editorial team, may I convey sincere appreciation from *ScienceAsia* to our authors, readers and reviewers for supporting the journal. The Advisory Committee, Editors and Editorial Board from the past to present are all deeply acknowledged. All your contributions have undoubtedly driven *ScienceAsia* to be on the move.