

Editorial

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With this issue, Pharmacognosy Communications enters into its second year. In its first year of publication, Pharmacology Communications has successfully established itself as a new but respected journal for the dissemination of information in all aspects of pharmacognosy and medicinal plants. The editorial team and I have worked to establish the quality and reputation of the journal. We have striven to publish only well written,

quality, novel studies which are of interest to a wide audience interested in pharmacognosy. This policy has resulted in a publication of 36 manuscripts (7 reviews, 23 original research articles and 6 research letters) with an acceptance rate of approximately 25 %. Thus, we have established a quality journal and undertake to continue to maintain and improve this quality. This policy will ultimately benefit our authors, as we strive to establish a strong impact factor when this is calculated in the future.

In the current issue we continue with our policy of publishing quality manuscripts and bring the readers a further 13 studies on topics as varied as the bacteriostatic properties of lectins, to the immunomodulatory properties of galangal; from studies into the phytochemical composition of Ukrainian goutweed to the antibacterial properties of Australian Callistemons; from 2 independent studies into the antidiabetic effects of both *Ficus racemosa* and *Moringa*

oleifera, to GC-MS studies into the phytochemical composition of the Indian medicinal plant, *Pseudarthria viscida*. We present studies of medicinal plants from such diverse geographical regions as Europe, Asia, Australia. This issue also continues to keep the readership informed of interesting and relevant studies from other sources, both recent and looking back into the past, in the Janus Corner. I would also like to invite the submission of short Janus Corner notifications from our readership for publication in future issues. This forum provides an opportunity to make our readership aware of important publications in other sources that may be relevant and noteworthy for their studies, to review books, websites or recent conferences, or even for letters to the editor.

Looking forward, the next issue of Pharmacognosy Communications will be a special issue, containing manuscripts of studies that will be presented at the 3rd International Symposium of Traditional Plant in Petra, Jordan in November 2012, as well as our regular published articles. Pharmacognosy Communications is a sponsor of the 3rd ISMP and is proud of our association with this international event. For further information about this event, as well as details of presentation submission guidelines and instructions, please refer to the ISMP 2012 website (http://3ismp.bau.edu.jo/home_page.html). Having personally attended the 2nd ISMPs (ISMP) in 2010 and meeting many delegates and committee members at that event, I can wholeheartedly recommend this meeting and the interesting, exotic location. I hope to meet many of our readership there in November. The editorial team of Pharmacognosy Communications looks forward to bringing you volume 2, issue 4 in October.

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