

Editorial

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Dear readers and authors,



With this issue, Pharmacognosy Communications enters into its fourth year. In our first 3 years of publication, Pharmacognosy Communications has published 11 review articles, 99 original research studies and 25 short communications at an average

of 8.4 published manuscripts per issue. We strive for publication of high quality studies as is reflected but our acceptance rate, which is approximately 35 % each year. 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.

Pharmacognosy Communications continues to grow as evidenced by the increased number of submissions received. I am pleased to be now receiving manuscripts from many geographically diverse regions of the world. In the current issue, we feature manuscripts outlining studies into the hypoglycaemic properties and compositions of *Verononia amygdalina*, *Azadirachta indica* and *Moringa oleifera*, the hepatoprotective effects of *Clitoria ternata* against oxidative stress, the pharmacological effects of

Peganum harmala, the Giardial inhibitory properties of the African plant *Kigellia africana* (sausage tree) and the effects of Thai medicinal plants against microorganisms and against Alzheimer's disease. Review articles on the medicinal properties of the genus *Jacaranda* and on hepatoprotective agents of from plants have also been included.

Two more high quality medicinal plant images are included in this issue as is a listing of upcoming conferences and meetings. I encourage any conference organisers who would like to publicise their event to contact me with details so they can be included in future upcoming events sections of this journal. 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. On behalf of myself and the editorial board, we look forward to bringing you the next issue of Pharmacognosy Communications in 3 months time.

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