

## Editorial Foreword

Indexation of a journal is considered a reflection of its quality. Indexed journals are considered to be of higher scientific quality as compared to non-indexed journals. The Journal of Agricultural Sciences is currently indexed in more than 25 journal indexing data bases. We have applied to get indexed by SCOPUS journal indexing data base in 2013. Recently the administration of SCOPUS informed us that the *Journal of Agricultural Sciences* has completed all the stages of processing and has been released to the independent Scopus Content Selection and Advisory Board (CSAB) for evaluation. We have completed all the necessary requirements to get eligible to be evaluated. Now we are waiting with positive mind to receive a successful result from this prestigious indexing data base.

At present we receive around one hundred journal manuscripts for possible publishing within a calendar year and due to our strict quality control system our rejection rate is higher as 82%. The reviewers of the journal articles are highly qualified researchers at the Universities and research institutes and my sincere gratitude goes to them for their valuable service that enables us to keep the high quality of the journal.

Further, we will continue the open access policy of the journal and with the financial assistance of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka we are able to publish the JAS in both print and electronic media without charging from authors. I must thank to the Vice Chancellor and research grants committee of SUSL for extending their support to publish the journal on time without financial barriers.

Today I am very happy and proud to say that JAS is making significant progress and receiving recognition from research community in the field of study agriculture and related areas. There were many people behind this success. Highest percentage of this credit must go to Dr. Chandrika Dissanayake, Coordinating Editor of JAS. She sacrifices her personal time for the works of the journal and I must thank her repeatedly for bringing the standards of the JAS up to the international level. Further my sincere appreciation goes to Mr Prasad C Iddamalgoda, Ms Suiox Cummings of SLJOL, all the authors, reviewers and editorial committee members.

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