



EDITORIAL FOREWORD

Role of an Academic Research Journal

An academic research journal is a scholarly publication containing articles written by researchers, University academics, and other experts in the field of study. These journals focus on a very specific discipline (eg: molecular biology, water pollution, immunology, etc) or a broader field of study (Agriculture, Economics, Management, etc) . These academic research journals are aimed at academic or technical audience, not the general public. The articles that are published in these journals are mainly peer reviewed aiming to assure the standards and quality of the articles as well as the journal itself.

The academic research journal is noteworthy because it is a record of new knowledge in a particular academic discipline. Academic research journals are the forum to publish innovative knowledge in a particular field and readers can search novel findings from these journals.

Academic research journals are a collection of views and thoughts of authors who conduct researches and convert them to words and sentences. These journals help researchers to review relevant articles and framing own opinion and judgments. Therefore, the role of an academic research journal is mainly providing an acceptable forum to researchers to publish their research findings timely with a broader coverage. Higher quality standards of a journal is important to obtain the highest recognition.

The Journal of Agricultural Sciences – Sri Lanka provides the forum for researchers to publish their high quality articles which are useful for broader audience. The aim of the journal is to be a high standards journal in the field of agricultural sciences with international perspective.

Therefore, I would like to inform that JASSL publishes high quality research manuscripts with substantial contribution to the knowledge of agricultural science. Currently, the JASSL has been indexed in SCOPUS, EBOCUS, DOAJ, COPE, AGORA, Cabi abstracts and many other indexing bodies. It shows the wider acceptance of JASSL by international citations and journal databases. This is an indicator for our progress in journal quality during past years. There were many people behind this success. This honour must go to Prof. Chandrika Dissanayake - Coordinating Editor of JASSL, Mr. Prasad C. Iddamalgoda, Ms Suiox Cummings of INASP, Ms. Amila Tennakoon of SLJOL, Mr. Harsha Udayakantha Peiris- Copy Editor, all the authors, reviewers and editorial committee members.

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