

Editorial Foreword...

It is my pleasure to welcome our readers to issue *No. 2 – Vol. 1* in 2013 of the “*Journal of Environmental Professionals Sri Lanka*” and thank all the authors for their contribution and the readership for their valuable feedback. The journal's broader scope addresses a wide range of issues from ecology, ecosystem change, and resource utilization to human dimensions of environment; conservation and management. I believe this is an essential reading for all environmentalists, managers, consultants, agency workers and scientists wishing to keep abreast of current developments in environmental sciences.

I must also emphasize that by volume two, we have progressed to a larger international readership by publishing the journal on the web; “*Sri Lanka Journals Online*” (SLJOL). It is delighting to see the amount of effort made by the scientists towards sharing their knowledge and experience which I hope would improve over time for the benefit of the wider community. The high quality articles published upon a double-blind review process and the increasing rate of response from the environmental professionals ensure that we have reached our aim of bringing together the most innovative, updated and rigorous research in the field of environment.

I would like to thank the highly qualified members of the Editorial Board and the Expert Review Panel representing all disciplines relevant to the journal for their generous contribution and all who supported me from the IEPSL to make this task a possibility. It is my wish that the journal which is now open access will inspire readers for future contribution. I also invite the authors whom I believe are the movers behind science to continue submitting their best work to the *Journal of Environmental Professionals Sri Lanka*.

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