## **Editorial Preface**

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The Chief Editor, on behalf of the editorial board, extends his sincere thanks and gratitude to the former Chief Editor and the editorial board for the good efforts they exerted to make this journal a success during the past period, over which four volumes, included dozens of scientific research papers on the various areas of Earth and Environmental Sciences, had been published.

The editorial board of this journal will put their utmost efforts to continue with publishing high quality refereed scientific research, that will be of paramount interest to researchers in academic institutions and vocational institutions, be they local, Arab and/or international. The editorial board looks forward to receiving research from such institutions. Such contributions will be received with great accuracy, honesty, professionalism and quick review process. They will be published as soon as possible according to the highest scientific standards, to be available for specialists, interested parties and the research community at large.

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