

EDITORIAL PREFACE

It is my great pleasure to launch this inaugural issue of the Jordan Journal of Earth and Environmental Sciences (JJEES) with the intent of providing an international forum for the researchers and scientists of the various fields of Earth and environmental sciences to publish their scientific contributions and to disseminate their knowledge. The JJEES is an International Refereed Research Journal hosted by the Hashemite University and sponsored and approved by Jordan's Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research. The journal covers diverse areas of research and development in Earth and environmental sciences.

The coverage of the JJEES includes all new findings in all aspects of Earth and environmental sciences and or any closely related fields. The journal also encourages the submission of critical review articles covering advances in recent research of such fields as well as technical notes.

The Editorial Board is very committed to build the Journal as one of the leading international journals in Earth and environmental sciences in the next few years. With the support of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research and Jordanian Universities, it is expected that a valuable resource to be channeled into the Journal to establish its international reputation.

We have received a good response to the first issue of JJEES from scientists and researchers in Jordanian universities. I am pleased by this response and proud to report that JJEES is achieving its mission of promoting research and applications in Earth and environmental sciences. In the first issue, there are five interesting papers dealing with various aspects of Earth and environmental sciences.

I would like to thank all members of the editorial board and the international advisory board members for their continued support to JJEES with their highly valuable advice. I would like also cordially thank the manuscript's reviewers for providing valuable comments and suggestions to the authors that helped greatly in improving the quality of the papers. My sincere appreciation goes to all authors and readers of JJEES for their excellent support and timely contribution to this journal.

The editorial board of JJEES and me, are looking forward to receiving your valuable scientific contributions. Your support and continued contribution would be highly appreciated.

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