



President's Message



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As the Asian Journal of Pharmacognosy (AJP) prepares to release its latest issue, we have a few causes to celebrate. Already following publication of the first two issues, AJP is attracting papers from scientists of a number of Asian countries, and it is hoped that this trend will continue and the Journal will be able to fulfill its commitment to encourage pharmacognosy research in Asian countries with limited monetary resources but plentiful unexplored plant resources. Second, AJP has begun to be abstracted by prestigious abstracting agencies and hopefully this trend will continue as we get more manuscripts for the Journal. Credit must be given to Dr. Christophe Wiart and his team for these successes. In many underdeveloped countries of Asia, ethnopharmacological studies are yet to take a coherent shape. At the same time, ethnic traditions are disappearing fast under the relentless onslaught of modern civilization. Traditional medicinal knowledge derived from century or even millennium old practices is getting lost. This will be one of the biggest tragedies of human beings if we let this happen. To preserve whatever is left of these traditional ethnic medicinal knowledge, AJP is encouraging scientists to submit ethno notes, which can comprise of describing a novel ethnomedicinal use of a single plant or formulation (monoherbal or polyherbal) along with identification and picture of the plant(s). I would also encourage scientists to submit mini reviews on rare plants in their countries, particularly plants which are not well known in the scientific community. At the same time, we need to build up a framework where scientists from different countries who may be lacking in funds can communicate and collaborate with others and exchange ideas or build up a collaborative platform to obtain funds. To conclude, I hope that in the coming months, scientists working in the pharmacognosy field in Asia will be more active in making the Journal and the Society a bigger success.