



President's Message



Welcome to December 2019 Issue

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It is a matter of pride and pleasure that the Asian Journal of Pharmacognosy has finally started to receive articles from researchers. Although the number of such articles received is small, yet the very fact of receiving suggests progress. This progress needs to be sustained and enlarged upon. A good Journal is difficult to create, an excellent Journal is difficult to maintain. It is our wish that members of the Asian Society of Pharmacognosy will contribute their best articles to the Journal and so help the Journal raise its impact factor. The global climate change, by most accounts, has already started. It will have a profound effect on our lives, activities and our view of the world. Many Asian countries are still struggling to provide sufficient food, shelter and clothing to their people. These problems will exacerbate with the rise of global temperatures, shortages of food and water, and rise in seawater levels. We cannot just shrug these problems off by saying that as pharmacognosists we have got nothing to do with global climate change and associated problems. In fact, we have more to do. We have to find out how and why and what beneficial medicinal plants are getting extinct, how to prevent their extinction, the nature of phytochemical changes, if any, in these plants, and to keep a watchful eye on emergence of new vectors and diseases and the means to control and hopefully eradicate these diseases. Let this Society be the first to give the clarion call to unite all pharmacognosists in a meaningful way to save the planet and leave it as a habitable place for our children and grandchildren and their progenies.