

FROM THE EDITOR

Similar to the previous issues, we have been exerting efforts to produce the issue on time. In this issue we feature two main articles and two communications.

The vehicular traffic in Metro Manila prompted researchers to use a programming formulation with binary technique in solving the multi-objective transportation problem.

The second article is on the toxic effects of copper and zinc on the embryo of the tropical urchin *Tripneustes gratilla*. It should be noted that the roe of the test organism is eaten by the local fisherfolks and is hence economically important.

The importance of quality control and assurance in drug formulations are shown in the communication on the spectrophotometric determination of Losartan potassium in tablets.

The other communication is a contribution to the literature on Philippine biodiversity. A note on the biogeographical distribution of the informal group Basommatophora, a highly ubiquitous group of mollusks, is presented.

It is noteworthy to mention that through Presidential Proclamation No 737, s. 2014 issued on 13 March 2014, Dr. Gavino C. Trono Jr., Professor Emeritus of the Marine Science Institute, College of Science, UP Diliman, was raised to the rank and title of National Scientist. Prof. Trono is recognized for his work on seaweed taxonomy and culture in the Philippines. With this development, UP Diliman now has three national scientists who are still active.

Finally, we are very proud and happy to announce that through Commission on Higher Education Resolution No. 200-2014, *Science Diliman* has been placed in the A-2 category, effective this year, until 2016. Journals under Category A-2 have the highest accreditation among those not yet indexed in the Web of Knowledge (ISI), Scopus and other international citation databases. *Science Diliman* shall also receive a publication award of PhP 200,000.00 per year from CHED during the period of accreditation. With this development, all three journals of OVCRD are now Category A journals. We are thankful to the staff, led by the managing director Dr. Violela Umali, for the efforts to enable the journals to reach this category.


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