

EDITORIAL FOREWORD

Achievements of the Journal of Agricultural Sciences – Sri Lanka

The Journal of Agricultural Sciences was first started in 2015 with very minimum facilities and within 13 years it has reached to international standards. Our major aim is to provide a platform for Sri Lankan and international scholars especially in Asia and Africa to publish authoritative and well referenced articles in agriculture related areas without charging any publishing fee. We want to assist high quality scholars and researchers in southern world who need financial assistance to publish their high quality research and review papers. The Journal of Agricultural Sciences has changed its name as **Journal of Agricultural Sciences – Sri Lanka** to distinguish it from other journals with similar titles.

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Further, Journal of Agricultural Sciences – *Sri Lanka* has been awarded with the TWO STAR status by Journal Publishing Practices and Standards (JPPS). Now JAS is working to achieve the three star award which is the highest level that a southern journal can achieve. Apart from all, JAS has been indexed in more than 25 journal indexings such as AGORA, AGRICOLA, Google scholar, CABI abstracts and DOAJ. According to the Google Scholar, considering the article publications for the past 4 years, JAS has achieved metrics as Hirsch h-index (a, m): 5 (4.56, 1.25), Egghe g-index (g/h): 6 (1.20), PoP hI,norm: 3 and PoP hI,annual: 0.75.

These are indicators for our progress in journal quality during past years. There were many people behind this success. This honour must go to Dr. Chandrika Dissanayake - Coordinating Editor of JAS, Mr. Prasad C. Iddamal goda – the Editorial Assistant, Ms Suiox Cummings and Andy Nobes of SLJOL, Mr. Harsha Udayakantha Peiris – the Copy Editor, all the authors, reviewers and the editorial committee members.

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