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Editor's Note

African Journal of Environmental Health Sciences with this current publication has entered into its 7th Volume. A lot of progress has been made in improving the quality, visibility and sustenance of the journal since the last volume. The Journal took stock of the members/experts of the Editorial Advisory Board and the Editorial Board. New additions were made to cover parts of Africa and Europe to meet the standard required by the *African Journals on Line* (AJOL). We have also been receiving manuscripts from a wide variety of environmental specialists. It is an exciting feeling to have reached an advanced stage of getting the online ISSN registration. The AJOL moved fast in processing the affiliation procedures in spite of the setback caused by the COVID-19 global pandemic which has not spared any activity of human endeavours.

The year 2020 has been unique. Even though we read and heard about epidemics, pandemics and other local and global catastrophes, this generation has witnessed the planet's worst pandemic - COVID-19 a century after the Spanish Flu of 1918. Since it started in December 2019, it has continued to devastate the entire world to date. The rapid spread across the globe is unimaginable. Ironically, the pandemic is closely linked with the environment - particularly water, sanitation and hygiene, air pollution, wastes, human contact as well as human attitude and behaviour. It has taught us a lesson that humans have to live with ecosystems in a balanced way without destabilizing them. A tiny lifeless virus particle was able to close down the entire world targeting human life and behaviour. From mortality point of view, it is not as serious as Ebola or Plague. The lockdown has brought us back to what we should be; the ideal state of humanity; the 'fast-paced' life has slowed down, pollution of water, air and soil has greatly reduced as human machines stood still. We have come closer to nature and developed a strong hope of controlling climate change. Nevertheless, the question remains, did we learn any lesson? Do we continue our journey of keeping ecological balance as our principle and goal? It remains to be seen, as human behaviour is unpredictable. Some of these burning issues related to COVID-19 are aptly considered in a special review in this volume.

Besides, the Volume 7 of the AJEHS has 14 papers. The areas covered are heavy metals in the environment, biochar applications, communicable and non-communicable diseases, healthcare wastes, water treatment, occupational hazards and health risks posed by mobile communication masts. There are four papers from West and East African Countries other than Nigeria. In general, there is a wide variety of thematic areas which will interest a wider readership.

We look forward to a quick remedy for the ongoing pandemic whether it be drugs or herbs, as the pandemic has entered into the second phase in the African region. We still believe that the ultimate solution lies in vaccines which are currently undergoing human trials.

We cannot afford to lose more lives.

Professor M. K. C. Sridhar

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