

New Oceania Pacific Scientific Journal Launched

The web based publication Journal of Organic Systems will be launched at the Organic Federation of Australia's annual conference dinner in Sydney this Saturday 22 July.

This long overdue initiative provides the first opportunity for those committed to 'Organic' approaches to publish their work in English in a southern hemisphere refereed journal. It is a significant step in the maturity of Organics in the Oceania Pacific region. Though international, it has a distinct pulse of 'down under'.

"Researchers and practitioners of 'organic approaches' can publish their findings and ideas. These may relate to the design and management of production systems, their problem-proofing and problem solving, produce handling and marketing, policy issues and associated organisational and technological issues, and supportive approaches to education, research and development," explained Australian co-founding Editor Professor Stuart Hill.

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Though two years in the making, the initiative came as an integral part of a bigger vision for Organics. Founding director Brendan Hoare believes that, "If we want the world Organic, then we have to believe that every part of the world is going Organic. We need rigour in our applied practices, science and its communication to help us achieve our vision."

The initiative has been fully supported by the Organic community throughout Oceania and Pacific region and by the international research community. The editorial group comprises some of the most respected and active researchers in their field currently from Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific.

Founding editors Professor Neil Macgregor is a retired soil ecologist from Massey University in New Zealand and Professor Stuart Hill is Founding Chair of Social Ecology at the University of Western Sydney, Australia.

"The systems approach to the Journal of Organic Systems is significant." says Professor Stuart Hill, "It becomes increasingly clear that conventional approaches are unsustainable and have inherent negative impacts on individuals, communities and ecosystems. The Journal of Organic systems will provide a valuable communication tool in this necessary cultural transformation. It is a significant step in our history."

The Journal will be free and electronic based on www.organic-systems.org

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