



## Editorial

### ***New Developments at the Chiang Mai Journal of Science***

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**Dear Readers,**

Welcome to the last regular issue of 2016 which marks the end of the 43<sup>rd</sup> year of publication of the ***Chiang Mai Journal of Science***. Since the last Editorial, some important developments have taken place. Firstly, our 2015 impact factor of 0.420 was announced in July by Thomson Reuters which represents a 13% increase from the previous year's 2014 impact factor of 0.371. This maintains and strengthens our position as the highest impact factor science-based journal published in Thailand. The equation used for calculating the impact factor is shown below.

$$\text{Impact Factor 2015 number} = \frac{\text{number of cites in 2015 to articles published in 2013 + 2014}}{\text{number of articles published in 2013 + 2014}} = 0.420$$

Secondly, this October 2016 issue will be the last issue in printed hardcopy form except for Special Issues for international conferences. From January 2017 onwards, the ***Chiang Mai Journal of Science*** will be an open access electronic journal with all articles available online and downloadable free of charge from our website at <http://epg.science.cmu.ac.th/ejournal/>. This development will greatly reduce the time to publication by eliminating the current restrictions on the number of articles per issue.

Thirdly, we will introduce an article processing fee of 10,000 Baht for all accepted manuscripts from 1 January 2017 onwards. This has been considered necessary in order to finance the proposed installation of ScholarOne® to improve the efficiency of the Journal's workflow management system and to bring it up-to-date with modern publishing standards.

The Journal's Editorial Board believe that these changes are essential if we are to keep pace with the present-day demands of scientific publishing. The number of articles submitted increases each year as do the needs of authors for timely review and fast publication. On behalf of the Editorial Board, I sincerely hope that these changes will be well received and that we can look forward to your continuing support in 2017.

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