

Letter from the editors

New Developments in the Clean Air Journal

The Clean Air Journal has a reputation for publishing high-quality research that is topical to the southern African region; this includes highlighting key issues to the southern African air quality community.

Special feature

In this issue we have a special “Features” section highlighting ozone in southern Africa. Due to the large (spatial and speciated) range of emission sources of ozone precursors, as well as our abundant sunshine, we know that the potential for high levels of ground-based ozone is high in the region. While South Africa does have standards that aim to mitigate the impact of ozone on human health, very little is known about the potential impact on agriculture in the region. If findings from international studies are applicable here, the impact may be very high! This Features section highlights new international research on the large impact of ozone on agriculture, as well as commentaries from South African scientists researching different aspects of ozone, its chemistry and its impacts in the region.

Publication Ethics and Malpractice Statement

In this issue we are officially launching the Clean Air Journal’s Publication Ethics and Malpractice Statement (see page 5). This statement highlights the journal’s commitment to adhering to the highest standards with regards to publication ethics by outlining the duties, responsibilities and obligations of the editors, the authors and the reviewers of the Clean Air Journal. The full statement is printed on page 5 in this issue, and is also available on the Clean Air Journal website - www.cleanairjournal.org.za.

Google Scholar

The editors have also been working hard to make the research published in the Clean Air Journal more easily accessible to the research community. We have created a page on Google Scholar for the Clean Air Journal, and we have been linking articles published in previous issues of the Clean Air Journal to the Google Scholar journal page. We ask all researchers to add their publications in earlier issues of the Clean Air Journal to Google Scholar on their personal profiles so we can grow the online presence of Clean Air Journal articles in Google Scholar.

DOI numbers

In addition, starting in this issue, all articles will be assigned a DOI number to ensure that all Clean Air Journal articles will be easy to trace and locate online.

“Online Early” versions

Finally, the Clean Air Journal will be launching “Online Early” versions of articles in July 2015. Once an article is accepted into the journal, it will be published online with the designation “Online Early” in order to not delay the publishing of research findings.

Thank you

In closing, we would like to thank the community for their continued support of the Clean Air Journal as authors and reviewers; it is through your time and contributions that the Clean Air Journal has built and continues to grow its strong reputation for publishing high-quality research articles.