

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: Philippine Science Letters transitions to SciEnggJ on July 1, 2021

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Dear PSL Authors and Readers:

Once again, we are taking a great leap forward to showcase the work of Filipino scientists to the world!

On July 1, 2021, our journal Philippine Science Letters or PSL will be transformed with a new, catchy name "SciEnggJ" to become the official journal of the Philippine-American Academy of Science & Engineering or PAASE! (www.paase.org)

Join us as we introduce and launch SciEnggJ at the PAASE Fireside Chats Episode 23 on Friday, July 9, 2021 at 8 am Philippine time via ZOOM!

Many know that PSL has its origins in PAASE. In 2008, PAASE members Gisela P. Concepcion and Eduardo A. Padlan co-founded PSL to pursue their personal advocacy to encourage PAASE members to publish original research articles, reviews, commentaries and white papers in an internationally peer-reviewed, online, open access journal. The goal was ambitious and after more than a decade of dedicated efforts towards achieving that goal, PAASE has now approved the adoption of the journal as its own.

The name SciEnggJ highlights the importance of publishing not only in the basic sciences but also in the engineering sciences. With >470 PhD-level scientists and engineers and medical doctors of Philippine descent comprising PAASE, and with PAASE membership growing significantly each year, we expect

SciEnggJ to become viable and sustainable as we count on full support of PAASE members.

PAASE is organized into 14 Research Expertise Clusters or RECs spanning the whole range of the natural, physical, social and engineering sciences. RECs are already planning to contribute Special Issues of articles in their respective fields. Naturally, we equally encourage non-PAASE members, i.e., Filipino and foreign researchers, to submit manuscripts to SciEnggJ.

How will SciEnggJ be a notch above PSL? SciEnggJ will aim to uphold the highest standards of publication through high quality, no conflict-of-interest peer review and through strict adherence to the principles of research integrity and ethics.

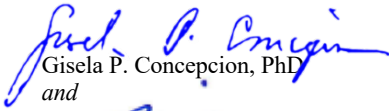
How else is SciEnggJ different from PSL? SciEnggJ will be charging a modest publication fee for each manuscript - to be paid after the manuscript has been accepted for publication. This fee is to help defray operating costs and improve the efficiency of the review and publication process, as we continue to make use of the ScholarOne system for manuscript submission and monitoring. Fees are a modest PhP3,000 if paid in the Philippines and USD100 if paid outside the Philippines. A PAASE member who publishes in SciEnggJ will receive a significant publication fee discount! Detailed information about fees will be found on the website.

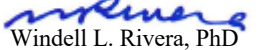
And so dear Authors and Readers, during these most challenging times of our professional and personal lives, let us welcome the

progressive change from PSL to SciEnggJ with great enthusiasm and optimism! We look forward to your full support.

Note below our new official logo!

Sincerely yours,


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