



Editorial 2021: Letter from the Board of the Journal of Sylva Indonesiana (JSI)

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Abstract. This letter is a second editorial in the fourth year of Journal of Sylva Indonesiana (JSI)'s establishment. This editorial contains messages from the boards, comprised of a former and a chief editor of this journal, about development of this journal, statistics of the published articles, acknowledgment, and closing remarks. JSI has been accredited by Ministry of Research and Technology, Republic of Indonesia with third rank (Sinta 3) since first volume of the publication. During the development of this journal, 25 scientific articles and 1 editorial have been published with peer-reviewed. Classification according to aim and scope of this journal resulted in study field of silviculture as the major (20%) of forestry and natural resources theme, while the other fields maintained their relative portion. Acknowledgments have been conveyed to contributors of this journal (authors, reviewers, editors, publishers, and readers). Closing remarks were consisted of condolence news, a glimmer of hope to return a normal post pandemic situation, and of course a wish all contributors a very happy, healthy and successful year of 2021.

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1 Introduction

On behalf of the Board of the Journal of Sylva Indonesiana (JSI), former and chief editor of this journal are glad to present the Volume 4, Number 1 of the journal. Establishment of the journal in 2017 has been started by registering both p-ISSN and e-ISSN, coordinating with the publisher, gathering peer-referees, calling for papers, and reviewing process to the submitted articles. I, former chief editor, has been handled, managed and organized only for the first volume in 2018 and for the rest up till now, co-author of this editorial as well as chief editor at present has been continued the management of this journal. The journal is now publishing by Talenta Publisher Universitas Sumatera Utara, getting DOI (Digital Object Identifier) for each article, indexing in CABI (the world's leading bibliographic database for forest, wood science and agroforestry research), spreading online with website visitors from more than 15 countries

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and recently accrediting by Ministry of Research and Technology, Republic of Indonesia with third rank (Sinta 3) according to Decree Number of 200/M/KPT/2020 [1].

Accreditation of the journal is important particularly in Indonesia. Therefore, Indonesia through Ministry of Research and Technology has a system for assessing and evaluating journals published in Indonesia is called “Arjuna” as acronym of “Akreditasi Jurnal Nasional”. Arjuna is made as an objective facility/ system to measure whether a scientific journal meets the minimum quality requirements to be national accredited and can then be followed to be indexed by international reputable indexing institution [2]. JSI together with other four journals in our university have been accredited by this system and got rank as shown in Table 1.

Table 1 Accredited journals published in Universitas Sumatera Utara (USU)

Name	ISSN	Rank
Journal of Sylva Indonesiana	26225158	Sinta 3 (S3)
International Journal of Architecture and Urbanism	26221640	Sinta 4 (S4)
Jurnal Koridor	27213463	Sinta 4 (S4)
Journal of Saintech Transfer	26214830	Sinta 4 (S4)
Abdimas Talenta: Jurnal Pengabdian Kepada Masyarakat	2549418X	Sinta 5 (S5)

The rank was determined by total score as depicted in Policy Brief or Editorial Guidelines for Managing Scientific Journal [3], consisted of 8 (eight) points, namely journal’s name, publisher, editing and managing of journal’s management, article’s substantive, writing guidelines, performances, timeline publication, and coverage area of dissemination. Sinta 1 or S1 is the highest rank and Sinta 6 (S6) is the lowest one. Journal with S1 rank has been well managed not only in reviewing process but also the quality of the published articles. Further, journals with this status usually have been indexed by international reputable indexing institution, such as Scopus, Web of Science, etc. In this context, JSI has been positioned in the middle rank and would enhance the status in the future by improvement the substantive articles published. In other words, selection of the articles for publication will be more rigorous in peer-reviewing.

The published articles in this journal have been classified as aforementioned in aim and scope with general theme of forestry and natural resources as depicted in Table 2.

Table 2 Field of study according to theme of Forestry and Natural Resources in Aim and Scope

Class	Field of study
I	Forest management
II	Social and economic of forestry
III	Forestry policy
IV	Sylviculture
V	Forest ecology
VI	Plantation forestry
VII	Biotechnology
VIII	Forest conservation
IX	Biodiversity and natural resources
X	Wood science and technology
XI	Biocomposite
XII	Non timber forest products

Here, in Figure 1, statistics of the field of study of published articles within the JSI was presented.

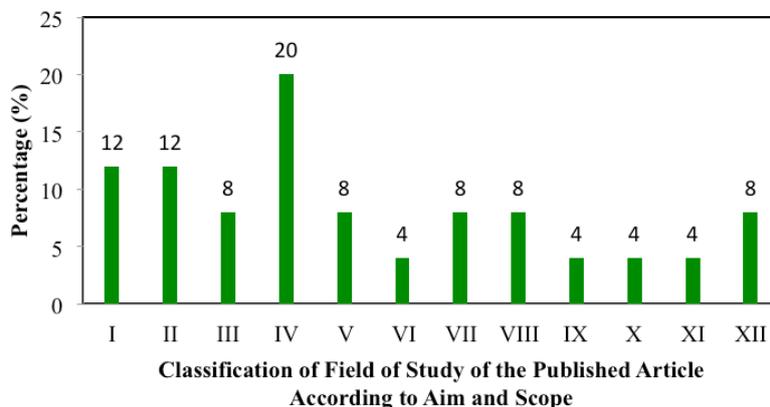


Figure 1 Statistic of the field of study of published articles since establishment of JSI

According to Figure 1, topic of sylviculture is the highest percentage of the published article within the JSI. Indeed, we have selected number of articles presented in National of Seminar of Sylviculture VII hosted by Faculty of Forestry USU on August 2019 to be published in JSI. The rest of the articles were published in a proceeding and they can be accessed freely [4].

Acknowledgments have been conveyed not only for authors but also all contributors, such as reviewers, editors, publisher, and readers. We are thankful to the reviewers who made the published articles more improve in the scientific level. Their expertise is invaluable in terms of scientific advancement because lots of times have been invested to construct the manuscripts. We would express our grateful for editors and publisher for their hard work throughout the past three years. Of course we also would like to express our special thanks to the readers from all over the world who made dissemination of this journal worldwide (Figure 2).

Visitor Statistics:



Figure 2 Statistic of the visitors or readers of JSI

Finally, we are sad to report that our colleague, Dr. Edy Batara Mulya Siregar, has passed away on December 3, 2020. We are indebted to him to a very large extent because he was one of the founding fathers of journal development in our faculty as reported in first editorial [5]. We remained this obituary in order to keep his dedication memory alive.

As a closing remark, even though COVID-19 pandemic has been running rampant, there is always a glimmer of hope to return to normal life. We wish all our contributors a happy, healthy, and successful year for 2021.

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