

The International Editorship of *Freshwater Systems*

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It is my pleasure to announce that two distinguished international scientists have joined the editorship of the *Freshwater Systems* domain of TheScientificWorldJOURNAL — Professor Brij Gopal of Jawaharlal Nehru University (India) and Dr. Manuel Graça of the University of Coimbra (Portugal). Professor Gopal is the Secretary General of the National Institute of Ecology, Editor of the *International Journal of Ecology & Environmental Science*, and Chairman of the SIL (International Association of Theoretical and Applied Limnology) Committee on Limnology in Developing Countries. His research interests include the ecology, biogeochemistry and biodiversity of wetland ecosystems, the management of wetlands as an integral part of the watershed, and wetland water policy–related issues. Dr. Graça is a stream ecologist whose research interests include the two general areas of organic matter decomposition and biological monitoring. His specific areas of research focus include quantification of organic matter and other chemical changes in decomposing leaves, the ecology of aquatic hyphomycetes, and the ecology of animals feeding on detritus. His research dealing with biological monitoring is carried out in close cooperation with the paper and mining industries, facilitating the practical application of his work.

With the addition of Professor Gopal and Dr. Graça as Associate Editors, joining Professor Ramesh Reddy (University of Florida, U.S.), a broad range of expertise is represented in the scientific leadership of the *Freshwater Systems* domain. *Freshwater Systems* also has an Editorial Board comprised of 23 internationally known scientists who are leaders in their respective fields. A complete listing of the editors and board members may be found at the end of this editorial.

In its first year of production, several important review articles have been published under the *Freshwater Systems* domain, including a seminal review on cyanobacteria blooms by Dr. Hans Paerl (U.S.), a review of the concept of alternative stable states in shallow lakes by Dr. Martin Scheffer (the Netherlands), and a thought-provoking synthesis regarding biomanipulation of lakes with filter feeding fish by Professor Ping Xie (P.R. China). During the next year *Freshwater Systems* will continue this trend in publishing review papers on major issues in wetland, lake, and flowing water science, as well as original research articles. In the near future, the domain also will have a unique home page on the web site of TheScientificWorld, where freshwater scientists and resource managers can directly access information on the latest publications, biographical sketches of all board members and editors, instructions to authors, and the specific aims and scope of the journal. In the interim, information for prospective authors can be readily obtained from the home page of TheScientificWorldJOURNAL.

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