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Editorial

The Egyptian Journal of Aquatic Research is issued by the National Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries of Egypt, as its scientific platform for communication. The Journal started to appear under the present title in 2005 as a replacement to the former Institute's Bulletin entitled "Bulletin of the Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries". As of this issue, the Journal is taking a new improved format to meet the international standards of such journals, and will appear at a frequency of four issues per year.

The Journal continues to publish genuine scientific research papers dealing with original research work carried out by Egyptian and international scientists. In order to cope with the present-day multidisciplinary nature of aquatic research, and the ever increasing interest in the applied research, the scope of the Journal has been widened to cover both basic and applied research on marine waters, coastal areas, lakes, lagoons, rivers and estuarine regions, and on problems and opportunities relevant to their living and non-living resources.

The journal focuses specifically on four main areas of research and studies, namely Oceanography, Limnology, Fisheries and Aquaculture. Original research papers, and possibly selected review articles, on topics relevant to one or more of the above areas are therefore welcomed for publication. Submission of multidisciplinary papers is also encouraged.

Priority is usually given to papers dealing with results of applied research that are oriented towards problem-solving, without excluding original papers dealing with basic aspects of aquatic research. Papers are judged on the basis of their scientific merits and originality, their scientific contribution to the state of the art and their pertinence to the goals of the Journal. Prior to acceptance, all papers submitted for publication are peer reviewed by two qualified referees from the Journal's Editorial Board.

The Editorial Board is chaired by Prof. Dr. Fatma Aly Abdel Razek, and constitutes of a number of distinguished and highly qualified scientists in all disciplines covered by the Journal's scope of interest. The Board members are from within and outside Egypt, who enjoy a long-standing scientific reputation at the international level, and have worked for several years in their respective areas of specializations and on different parts of the world ocean.

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It is with great pleasure and honor that I hereby introduce our Journal in its "new look", with the hope that it will meet the utmost satisfaction of its readership.

Alexandria, Egypt, March 2011

Prof. Dr. Fatma A. Abdel Razek
Chief Editor

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