

# Editorial

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### Dear readers and authors,

I am pleased to bring you volume 5, issue 2 of Pharmacognosy Communications. In this issue we present a review of traditional ethnopharmacological knowledge in Malaysia and India. This review presents a survey of the common medicinal plants used in these 2 countries and outlines their known therapeutic uses. The common and/or local names for each species are listed and the plant part used and method of preparation are explained. This manuscript describes a study which will be presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> International Congress of the International Society for Ethnopharmacology (ISE) that will be held in Petra, Jordan on May 5-8, 2015. Pharmacognosy Commu-

nications is proud to be the journal sponsor for this event. Over the next few issues, we will be publishing more ISE papers along with our regular submissions.

In this issue, we also present original research reports examining the pharmacognosy of several important medicinal plants including a survey of Australian culinary herbs for inhibitory activity against microbial triggers of rheumatoid arthritis and ankylosing spondylitis, as well as a study reporting on the ability of *Terminalia ferdinandiana* (Kakadu plum) to block multiple sclerosis disease etiology and an examination of the phytochemistry of the active extracts. A further study describing the antiparasitic activity of gallic acid, and 2 studies examine the effects of single and combinational herbal therapies on different parameters of hyperglycemic rats are also presented.

Our regular features are also continued in this issue. The Janus Corner continues, with short notifications of interest to readers of Pharmacognosy Communications. I encourage all readers to get involved with this section by sending in short notifications of work that may be of interest to your fellow readers, book reviews and letters to the editor. Two more high quality medicinal plant images are also included in this issue and a listing of upcoming conferences and meetings is also included. I encourage any conference organisers who would like to publicise their event to contact me with details so they can be included in future upcoming events sections of this journal.

I look forward to bringing you the next issue of Pharmacognosy Communications. Keep submitting your quality research manuscripts and reviews and consider becoming involved/submitting to the other sections (such as the Dept Review, Janus Corner etc) of the journal also. On behalf of myself and the editorial board, we look forward to bringing you the next issue of Pharmacognosy Communications in 3 months time.

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