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Editorial for the 2nd Issue of ER&T

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I am honored when our editor-in-chief asked me to write an editorial for the second issue of the *Environmental Research & Technology Journal*. After a tiring and long journey of preparatory work with a lot of effort put forward by our Editor-In-Chief, and warm support from the other co-editors, the first issue of the *Environmental Research & Technology* was launched at the beginning of the year 2018. We, as the co-editors, feel very fortunate to publish yet another issue of *Environmental Research & Technology*. We are also delighted and eager to work with our outstanding scientists and authors, reviewers, co-editors, and our only staff for the next years to come.

The main aim of the *Environmental Research & Technology* is to publish the state-of-the-art of current research revealing environmental problems and solutions. This is only the second issue and I wish *Environmental Research & Technology* will serve you by publishing your most interesting researches and achievements in the years to come. Although there are many other journals available dealing with environmental problems and concerns, many researchers face the difficulty in finding the right journal for their manuscripts most of the time. This is mainly due to the fact that manuscripts may not seem to "fit" within the scope of a particular journal. I believe *Environmental Research & Technology* will serve as the right place for publishing as it covers a broad scope of the environmental sciences and engineering from its basics to advanced research.

It's been quite a while since the World Water Forum which was organized in Istanbul in 2009. In this Forum, one of the prominent issues was the access to sanitary water. Although, I feel really very lucky that this is not an issue in this part of the world, I feel really very sorry for those who could not find any means for irrigation for food security or energy production, let alone those who cannot reach clean potable water. It is already announced by the renowned researchers that the water stress in many parts of the world will increase gradually due to the negative effects of climate change and pollution. The

existing cooperation among the countries in this sense must be improved to mitigate the foreseen effects. To my personal belief, political discussions, disagreements and conflicts will always be there, however, the main problem is the lack of understanding and confidence at the technical level. This is the main barrier to enhance cooperation and to provide sound solutions. This will only be achieved by producing quality evidence-based research. I hope *Environmental Research & Technology* will provide the chance to those who would work for a better (not just from the point of environment) world.

In this issue, I believe you will find quite interesting papers from a variety of areas from wastewater treatment to leachate injection system and from biodiesel production to air quality management.

As I final word, I would like to thank again all our colleagues, authors and co-editors whose support and suggestions have made this new issue possible.