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## Letter from Editor

**Dear readers,**



During SAPA-West 7th annual meeting on June 20th, for the first time, we had set a small booth to display hardcopies of the first two issue of the Journal. The purpose was to use this occasion to hear directly from our members what they want to read in the Journal and attract more talented and willing members. The outcome was more than what we expected. The positive comments and support we received were overwhelming. A couple of dozens of enthusiastic members signed on site as either future contributors and/ or reviewers. Such response confirmed the belief of this Editorial board that we do need to publish our own scientific and technological Journal that will truly reflect the achievement of our members and the cutting edge technologies they represent. Publishing such a high caliber journal will also become a clear landmark that distinguishes our organization with others. In this issue, we further extend our invitation to all our members. If you are interested to become an author or reviewers, please email to us at [publication@sapa-west.org](mailto:publication@sapa-west.org). We look forward to working with you!

There is also another exciting development in this project: we have just contracted a printing company to print hardcopies of our Journal. Several members already expressed their desire to receive it in hardcopy and suggestions have been made to start a subscription system among our members and other interested readers. What makes this Journal, still in its infant stage, so desirable? Because it is OURS. It is from the person who works next to you, lives next to you and more importantly shares the same dream and value with you. The publication is partly supported by advertisements; and there will be a nominal subscription fee. If you would like to subscribe it or have any suggestion on how to proceed with it, please, again, write to us at [publication@sapa-west.org](mailto:publication@sapa-west.org).

The currently issue has been mainly dedicated to small molecule drug discovery and development. Synthetic drugs and those from natural sources continue to dominate the pharmaceutical pipeline. With the advent of genomics and proteomics, drug discovery has evolved from largely a serendipity to a designed process. In the future issues, we will discuss other aspects of drug discovery and development. Stay tuned!

Best wishes

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