

Editorial

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The University of the South Pacific is the premier provider of tertiary education in the Pacific region and an international centre of excellence for teaching, research consulting and training on all aspects of Pacific culture, environment and human resource development needs. *The year 2018 marks USP's 50th year of service to the Pacific Islands. SPJNAS is a valued part of celebrations in this very special Golden Jubilee Year of USP.*

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The present issue of **SPJNAS** contains one quality research paper on topic of applied interest. The paper analyses the sodium (Na) and potassium (K) intake through juices and low alcohol beverages in Fiji. Sixty four different fruit juices, juice concentrates, soft drinks and beers, available in Fiji supermarkets were analysed for Na and K contents with a view to assess their potential for nutritional supplementation or exposure risk in daily life.

I hope that readers of **SPJNAS** will find this article of great value. I would like to thank the author for the contribution to this volume/issue of **SPJNAS**, and to acknowledge the kind cooperation of associate editors and the reviewers for their time, and in maintaining the high standard of the journal. I also wish to acknowledge the continuing support of the Dean's office of the Faculty of the Science, Technology and Environment, USP. My sincere thanks to Ms. Janice Mani, for her expertise in formatting the papers for the journal, and to Ms. Helen Malin (CSIRO Publishing) for her help in various ways.

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