

Editorial

ISVS e journal has now been in existence for nearly four years. It has progressed with the support of many, especially those authors who had decided to publish in the ISVS e journal. We owe it to them that the journal is sustained at a standard that they can be proud of.

A few weeks ago, we sought to have the journal indexed by a number of agencies; particularly Scopus. Hopefully, the journal will soon be indexed and thus acquire a recognition of its standards. I am thankful to Prof. Pratyush Shanker, the Secretary of the ISVS and the other members of the Editorial Board, together with the reviewers for extending their unreserved support to achieve those standards.

From this issue onwards, we intend to engage the services of issue editors to compile each issue, for which we have received enthusiastic responses from a number of scholars. With this issue, each volume will be comprised of two issues instead of the four so that the issues published in a single year will become a volume by itself.

With the ISVS seminars now moving onto its 7th cycle, ISVS has established itself as a major academic endeavour dealing with the vernacular settlements. It has travelled across the world, with the support of its dedicated participants originally from Indonesia and now comprised of a global network.

These are interesting and important developments ISVS e journal is aimed at capitalizing on. In fact, the interests and enthusiasm so generated have seen new perspectives emerging with some of the papers in this issue demonstrating a number of such themes. The paper that looks at the urban vernacular in Uzbekistan, and the paper that strives to examine the thematic relations between the ideologies of vernacular settlements and psychology are such interesting new developments. With new insights being so generated, it is hoped that the relevance and usefulness of the Vernacular settlements will influence the way we build and inhabit our present settlements. They demonstrate that vernacular concepts and practices have greater relevance and value in helping the making of contemporary settlements than what is acknowledged.

We invite those who are interested in the vernacular settlements to make use of this ISVS platform available and share their research and understanding to broaden knowledge and reiterate the relevance of vernacular theories in the modern world.

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