

Note from the Editor-in-Chief

At ISVS,

We are delighted to publish and present to you this Vol. 5 Issue 1 of the ISVS e journal. Having been in print since 2011, the journal has progressed slowly but steadily as much as the ISVS seminars and conferences that came into being in 1999 in Indonesia which has now reached Bali in 2018 after crisscrossing the world. The zenith of its achievements is when it received the Scopus Index in 2015 and indeed the broad basing of the editorship with an international editorship offered to Academics from around the world. Dr. Kapila Silva of University of Kansas, USA, took the first step of this new approach by editing the issue 4.1 and now Velika Ivskovska, from Istanbul Technical University has come forward to take the baton in editing the present issue. The door is open for scholars interested to edit the forthcoming issues.

We are pleased that the new generation of younger academics are showing a greater interest in the Vernacular Settlements. They are an enormous repository of local knowledge and accommodate millions of people across the world in culturally compatible and healthy settlements. Despite the emergence of the cities and the predicted movement of people to urban centers, vernacular settlements are unlikely to disappear. In fact, they will provide resilient, wholesome and more meaningful places for people and those of us who are interested in built-environments have much to learn from them as much as contribute to their continuity and evolution. ISVS invites the scholars to share their understandings about these settlements with the wider academic community through the ISVS e journal and participate in its progression in the efforts to disseminate knowledge.

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