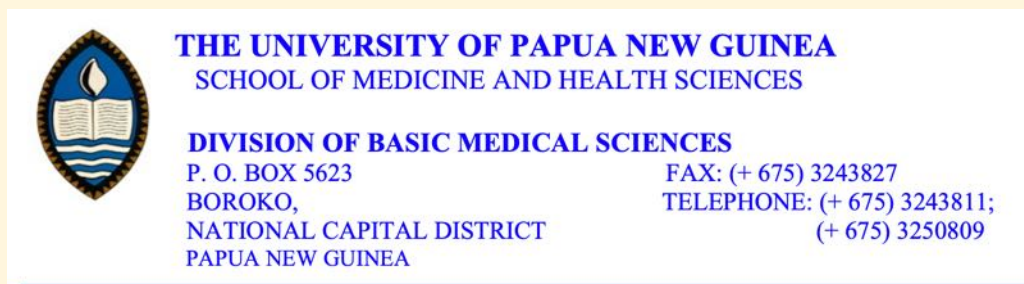


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Goodwill Messages



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MY MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO AJFAND

CONGRATULATIONS! CONGRATULATIONS! CONGRATULATIONS to the founding Editor and Editor-in-Chief Hon Prof. Ruth Oniang'o on the excellent and exciting work that she and the dedicated members of her administration have done over the past two decades in publishing the African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development (AJFAND). Congratulations also on the smooth and uninterrupted production of AJFAND, which has made it one of the top scholarly publications in the past two decades. AJFAND is now one of the world's most prestigious and highly cited peer reviewed scientific journals. It is the premier scientific journal in Africa, covering a wide range of highly relevant research in agriculture, food and nutrition, food security, environmental management, sustainable development, and climate change.

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I was introduced to the AJFAND in 2008 by the Librarian in the University of Papua New Guinea when I was searching for a reputable peer reviewed journal to publish my research work. The report from AJFAND reviewer was very informative and professional. We revised the paper and resubmitted it.

In 2009, I was invited to serve as an on-line reviewer of AJFAND. In 2012, I was appointed as a technical reviewer of AJFAND. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Editor-in-Chief of AJFAND for the opportunity to add my little bit to the great success of the AJFAND, which is an Open Access journal, with all the articles accessible for free.

The AJFAND has an excellent and robust peer-review process that is second to none. Most of the reviewers are highly qualified experts in their areas. The involvement of a team of technical reviewers at the final stage of the review process for each of the manuscripts, puts the AJFAND above many other international journals.

I wish AJFAND even greater success in the years ahead. I am confident that AJFAND will continue to be in the forefront of advancing the scientific frontiers of knowledge, promoting research and development in areas related to agriculture, food and nutrition, and helping shape government policies for the improvement of human and animal health.

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Victor's Bio

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I am a Biochemist with special interest in Nutrition & Toxicology. I have taught Biochemistry, Clinical

Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, aspects of Nutrition and supervised several undergraduate and postgraduate research projects in universities in Africa, Europe and the

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South Pacific. I am an expert in the didactic and problem- based learning curricula. I am also an expert in the use of laboratory analytical techniques, such as PCR, HPLC, EIA, AAS, ICP-MS, etc. My research focus is experimental documentation of extent and impact of micronutrient deficiencies on maternal and child health; food security, with particular interest on issues related to accessibility, availability, affordability and stability of adequate supply of micronutrients and macronutrients to infants and mothers / people living with HIV/AIDS in resource limited countries.

I have successfully completed several high-quality research funded projects in Micronutrients, Endocrinology, Drug Discovery and Toxicology.

I am currently the Professor and Chairman of division of Basic Medical Sciences (BMS), and also Head of the discipline of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS), University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG). I am the coordinator of the Micronutrient Research Group (MRG) and the Micronutrient Research Laboratory (MRL) in SMHS UPNG. The MRL collaborates with the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Atlanta Georgia, USA, and the Institute of Chemical Pathology and Medical Research (ICPMR), Westmead Hospital, Sydney, Australia. The MRL is registered with the International Resource Laboratories for Iodine Network (IRLI), the International Council for the Control of Iodine Deficiency Disorders (ICCIDD) [now the Iodine Global Network, IGN] and the International Vitamin A Consultative Group (IVACG). The MRL regularly participates in the Ensuring the Quality of Urinary Iodine Procedures (EQUIP) in the CDC. In 2004, I was appointed the National Scientific Coordinator to work with the external coordinators from the CDC USA, Mahedol University, Bangkok, Thailand, and UNICEF during the PNG National Nutrition Survey (NNS) in 2005. I am a member of several PNG Government committees: external evaluator for Drug Registration in the National Department of Health (NDOH); Member of the National Technical Working Group (NTWG) on the National Programme to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis; Member of PNG Food Fortification Inspection and Monitoring Committee; Co-ordinator of laboratory issues involving Diethylcarbamazine (DEC) Fortified Salt as a Strategy for the Control and Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) in PNG (WHO funded project); Chairman of PNG Food Fortification Technical Committee: A sub-committee of the PNG Food Sanitation Council, NDOH; Member of the Task Force for Training in Human Nutrition and Dietetics: National Health Service Standard Division; Co-ordinator of research projects on disease trends in PNG, with emphasis on retrospective assessment of laboratory data on various metabolic disorders, obtained in the Clinical Biochemistry unit in PMGH; Co-ordinator of research groups on: Food Insecurity and its implications for maternal and child health and also for people living with HIV/AIDS in PNG; Projects involve data collection and advocacy.

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I am a member of several international scientific organizations including the Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME). I am a reviewer for some medical and scientific journals including, “Thyroid”, “African Journal of Food Agriculture Nutrition and Development (AJFAND)”, “West African Journal of Biological Sciences”, “PNG Medical Journal”, “PNG Journal of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries”, “Biomedical Science Letters”, “Pacific Journal of Medical Sciences”, “Journal Maternal & Child Health”, “Journal Maternal & Child Nutrition ScholarOne” and others.

I have several scientific papers published in a wide range of peer reviewed journals. My extensive administrative experience in the University system put me in positions of responsibility in all the universities that I have served; please see details in my CV attached and also in my personal web site: www.victorjtemple.com.

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Prof. Temple with his huge experience and diverse expertise has been amazingly supportive. He is busy, super busy especially during this COVID time, helping manage the Government’s Pandemic Response Program. Yet he manages to attend to AJFAND matters, both as a reviewer, mentor of authors and AJFAND Editorial Board Member. We value your support Prof. and may you continue to be blessed.
Prof. Ruth Oniang’o, Editor-in-Chief, AJFAND

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MY EXPERIENCE WITH THE AJFAND

My experience reviewing manuscripts for AJFAND has been very enlightening. Owing to the multi-disciplinary nature of the journal, the titles of the manuscripts are quite diverse while at the same time maintain their focus: food, agriculture, nutrition & development. Each of the manuscripts is very unique in terms of the knowledge disseminated, hence increasing my pool of knowledge. I have noted tremendous improvement in the quality of writing over the years and, therefore, wish

to commend the authors for the good work. My role as a reviewer has been to read and make corrections to ensure that the standards required by the journal are maintained. By so doing, I have greatly improved my expertise in paper review. I am, therefore, grateful to AJFAND for according me this opportunity.

My deep gratitude goes to the AJFAND team and appreciation for the high level of dedication and organization which has seen the journal celebrate 20 years!

Long live AJFAND!

Dr Gertrude Were
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Gertrude's Bio

Dr. Gertrude Were is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Family & Consumer Sciences at the University of Eldoret, where she has been Chair of the Department and has a teaching experience of 27 years now. Her major field of study is Human Nutrition with a special interest in maternal, child and adolescent nutrition, nutrition in HIV/AIDS as well as nutrition in non-communicable diseases. She has mentored many students at both M. Sc and Ph. D levels. She has published widely in peer reviewed journals and has co-authored three books. She is a registered nutritionist with the Kenya Nutritionists and Dietician's Institute (KNDI) and is also a member of other professional organizations.

Dr Were was my student, one of the top ones. I am proud of her.
She has been a dedicated reviewer of AJFAND manuscripts since inception.
We value her support and wish her the best in her career endeavors.
Prof Ruth Oniang'o, Editor-in-Chief, AJFAND

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