

Editorial

After accomplishment of certain academic level, normally we join some professional organization and do some project works related to our profession. After some time we acquire some skill in performing specific type(s) of work(s). With these academic knowledge and practical skill in mind we may have/develop our future vision to further our profession. We all know one man does not make a team, and without a team work no organization can achieve its goals in an efficient way. It is not necessary that a group of people makes a team. Each member of a team should have certain level of knowledge and skill which can be shared to enhance the team performance. Among many others, a periodic journal is an effective and efficient means of knowledge sharing.

Realizing the value of knowledge sharing, Survey Department has been publishing its journal "Nepalese Journal on Geoinformatics" for last thirteen years. In last thirteen issues more than 100 articles in a variety of themes related to geoinformation have been published. I would like to express sincere thanks to all those incredible authors for their contributions and members of Advisory Councils and Editorial Boards of all those issues of the journal for their persistent efforts to publish the journal.

At this point, I am very much thankful to the Survey Department for entrusting me with the responsibility of the Editor-in-Chief for the fourteenth issue of the journal. Following the advice and suggestions of Advisory Council, we, the members of Editorial Board have been able to bring forth the fourteenth issue of the journal.

I believe that, we all can benefit from the development of the thinking and sharing knowledge in the field of geoinformation. We have made a good start with a strong tradition of writing and publishing case studies in our journals. We need to continue to improve upon our ability to reflect on what we are doing as we are doing it – this is essential for practicing professionals.

There are many challenges in the field of research works. Lack of appropriate data, hardware and software for research, consistent methodology et cetera are not creating conducive environment for research. Most of the times we do not seriously think about what should we be observing, measuring and asking questions about? What constitutes improvement? When is an improvement in one part of a complex system meaningful in the dynamics of the whole system? Yet these conceptual approaches present significant difficulties in designing research – identifying suitable questions, identifying and capturing the complexity of the interactions between large numbers of variables, etc. Despite these constraints, embracing the question of research has much to offer us. To better understand some of the phenomena we observe in practice, we need to improve our language and try to present the results in a way which is simple to understand for the readers. For these benefits we need to engage in a dialogue within our professional field. This Journal is a part of that process.

On behalf of all the members of the Editorial Board, I would like to express sincere thanks to all contributing authors, members of Advisory Council and all others who have contributed for the publication of this issue of the journal. Last but not the least, I feel privileged and honored to work as the Editor-in-Chief.

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