

We're back...and thanks for waiting!

Thanks to all of you who have waited so patiently over the past year for the latest issue of the *EJSE*. We did not take a vacation, nor put the journal on hold. The hiatus happened all by itself.

Beginning with the spring of 2002, the *EJSE* was flooded with manuscripts. It soon became wildly unmanageable for Associate Editor/Publisher David Crowther and myself. We were pleased that so many in the field of science education and research considered the *EJSE* for their publication outlet, but were hugely overwhelmed with the task of keeping the journal up-to-date, especially in light of trying to keep our day jobs at the University of Nevada, Reno. As an unfortunate result, the *EJSE* simply ground to a halt.

Having filled you in on the major reasons for our time away, we are now most pleased to announce, "we're back!" With this final issue of volume 6, the *EJSE* is taking steps to insure we're not gone again in the future. First, we have added 5 Managing Editors to our staff that has volunteered their time and efforts on behalf of the *EJSE* readership. They are:

Christopher Andersen, The Ohio State University
Sid Nair, Monash University
C. P. Constantinou, University of Cypress
Tony Mitchell, Science Education Consultant, and
Tom McGloughlin, St. Patricks College, Dublin City University

We cannot thank these individuals enough for their dedication to keeping the *EJSE* a viable and *free* source of information regarding science education and research available worldwide from any location with Internet access.

Second, the *EJSE* has changed its publication guidelines in order to reduce the time it takes getting a manuscript posted in the journal. As of spring 2003, the *EJSE* will no longer publish in HTML, but rather in PDF. We have published manuscripts in PDF before, usually by the request of the author. As the complexity of manuscripts has grown, however, so too has the time it takes to format these articles in HTML. We hope this change will allow us to bring you information in a more efficient manner. For potential contributors who believe that HTML is more suitable for their manuscripts, please contact me, John Cannon (jcannon@unr.edu), to discuss the reasons for your request before submitting your manuscript to the *EJSE*.

In closing, again, thanks to all of our readers and authors for being so patient during this time of growth. Be looking for past issues coming on-line very soon in the coming weeks. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to bringing you information from the science education community that has value and enhances your career.

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