

Dear Mr. Graham Readfearn,

Greetings!

As you have raised certain questions towards the journal and Omics International, as a journal coordinator I take liberty to explain each and every query of yours.

First of all, good number of articles submitted to our journal is raising many questions in your mind. As we have potential editors and reviewers who actively take part in peer review process due to which the task is completed within promised date. The rapid peer review process has influenced many authors globally to submit their valuable research papers to our Journal.

1. How was Mr Viterito chosen as the journal's editor?

We would like to clearly verify that our esteemed Editor-in-Chief Dr. Arthur Viterito was invited from our side on basis of his research and contributions towards environment science. We are aware of his previous positions at University of Pittsburgh and George Washington University, his Ph.D. in geography from the University of Denver with specialties in climatology and physical geography. As per our eligibility criteria editor in chief should be a professor of related research area and should have at least ten publications which fulfil his eligibility. He has published research papers in the areas of radiational receipt in mountainous environments, urban climatology, and global climate change which includes following publications:

- Viterito, A.; "The Correlation of Seismic Activity and Recent Global Warming" Journal of Earth Science and Climatic Change, 7: 345. doi:10.4172/2157.

- Siegal, F.R., Roach, N.M., Yang, W., & Viterito, A.: "Stream Suspensates for Au and Base Metal Exploration in Metavolcanic Felsic Rocks, Eastern Piedmont, Georgia, U.S.A." Journal of Geophysical Exploration, 1993, Vol. 47, pp. 235-249.

- Viterito, A.: "Estimating Missing Precipitation Data." Weatherwise, 1992, 45, pp. 39-40.

- Viterito, A.: "Future Warming for U.S. Cities." Population and Environment, 1991, 13, pp.101-111.

- Lowe, J.C., and Viterito, A.: "Differential Spatial Attraction of Private Colleges and Universities in the U.S." Economic Geography, 1989, Volume 65, pp. 89-102.

- Viterito, A.: "Changing Thermal Topography of the Baltimore-Washington Corridor: 1950-1979." Climatic Change, 1989, pp. 89-102.

- Siegal, F., Decheng, H., Vaz, J., Saiming, W., and Viterito, A.: "Areal Thermoluminescence Radiometric Survey of Shenping Oil Field Using Buried Dosimeters." Oil and Gas Journal, July 3, 1989, pp. 53-57.

- Viterito, A.: "Implications of Urbanization on Local and Regional Temperatures in the United States." Proceedings, Second North American Conference on Preparing for Climatic Change, 1989,

pp. 115–119.

· Viterito, A.: “A Wind Analysis Program”, *Weatherwise*, Vol. 41, No. 4, 1988, pp. 238–240.

· Viterito, A.: “Quadratic Trend Surfaces as Descriptors of Metropolitan Heat Islands”, Preprints, Tenth Conference on Probability and Statistics, American Meteorological Society, 1987, pp. 123–128.

· Viterito, A.: “The Koeppen Climate Classification System”, *Weatherwise*, Vol. 40, No. 3, 1987, pp. 161–162.

· Toy, T., Viterito, A.: “The Variability of Potential Direct Solar Beam Radiation on Hillslopes”, *The Great Plains–Rocky Mountain Geographical Journal*, Fall 1984, pp. 1–17.

· Viterito, A. and Longbrake, D.: “Hierarchical Clustering Routine”, *Geography Program Exchange*, Michigan State University, 1978.

· Viterito, A. and Longbrake, D.: “Non–Hierarchical Clustering Routine”, *Geography Program Exchange*, Michigan State University, 1978.

Dr. Viterito is also a member of the Association of American Geographers, the International Association for Urban Climate, and the Maryland State Geographic Information Committee.

2. I understand at least two academics listed on the journal’s editorial board have asked for their names to be removed after learning of the nature of the content in the journal. Is OMICS aware of this and is the publisher concerned about the quality of the “science” being published in the journal.

Coming to your second question, we would like to clarify that every editor has his unique views and ideology towards environment and on the basis of their views they decide whether to support the journal or not. FYI only one editor has asked for resignation from editorial board and we accepted his resignation because it is against ethics to force anyone to be in our editorial board.

All the articles published in our journal have gone through a thorough peer review process. All assigned editors and reviewers thoroughly study the manuscripts and they provide their views/ comments, which are forwarded to handling editor/editor in chief for final decision. We have even rejected several manuscripts which were not worthy to get published.

With our journal we are acting like a bridge between the science and the world. Please don’t create havoc/fake publicity by defaming our publisher or journal.

Now last but not the least, raising question is very easy but acknowledging the hard work behind the publication is never considered by critics. For critics grapes will always be sour.

We think all your queries have been clarified!

Thanks and regards,

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