Editor’s comment

Dear Readers

Welcome to the Lathyrus Lathyrism Newsletter Vol. 4 and thank you all for your support of the newsletter. You will see from the variety of articles that there is enthusiasm for Lathyrus related research in many countries, this bodes well for the increased knowledge and cultivation of these useful legumes.

Recently, there has been a change in the editing process. In order to give authors an advantage of on-line publication from now onward articles will be placed on the web page as soon as the editing process is finalised. This will enable the maximum quick exposure of information. Then at the end of the year the volume will be closed off and compiled, for those who require the printed version this is when it will be completed. Hence as you revisit the web page through the year you will notice more articles appearing. Any suggestions for further improvements are welcome.

The Lathyrus Lathyrism Newsletter has been assigned ISSN 1832-8431 (Print) and ISSN 1832-844X (Online) and has been placed on a number of directories of open access journals, ensuring wider exposure and listings in library resources internationally. Citations of articles in the newsletter have been steadily increasing.

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Please consider summarising your recent research for the newsletter. Your contribution will be useful not only as science but also toward the greater stability of cropping systems in regions with increasing pressure on natural resources. Most research submissions should be approximately 1500 words and can include a small number of tables or figures, with electronic copies preferred. Introduction, Methods, Results followed by Discussion is the preferred layout for research summaries, although this can be altered as necessary. Abstracts of complete work are also welcome, if they have been published elsewhere then full acknowledgment will be made.

I hope you find the articles contained interesting and useful to your work.

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