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# Steadily Progress into the Future

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This new journal of Applied Environmental Biotechnology (AEB) (<https://www.udspub.com/ajj/public/index.php/aeb/>) is celebrating its 3rd year of birthday in 2018. It has a relative short publication history on the academic publishing market for the last 3 years only with a total of 5 issues published in 3 volumes currently, including 1 issue in 2016, and 2 issues in 2017 and 2018, to form the complete archives. The year 2018 is also an important and celebrated one for this journal: AEB has been accepted for inclusion in the CAS database in March and then Scopus in December, both being achieved within the same year. This is a significant milestone in the history of AEB. If an impact factor (IF) was issued to this journal now, it is greater than 1.0 for sure. AEB has a very good future and a great potential to grow further.

The published articles by this journal so far have been received a very good acceptance by our readers from the citation data publically available and the potential IF derived from them. Another milestone to this journal in its history will be taking place in 2019 because the final evaluation and decision will be made for inclusion in the SCI database of Web of Science. This development will allow AEB to be much more widely recognized and publicized when the official acceptance into SCI database is granted. The AEB publisher, [udspub.com](http://udspub.com), is very confident about this outcome and will announce the news as soon as it becomes available. The editors and editorial board members of AEB will continue to work with our authors and potential authors to make their research results well presented, professionally published and made widely available using the new Open Access model of publication.

Environmental biotechnology is a fast-developing subject embracing both fundamental research and also applications over a very broad range of research topics, from ecosystem level engineering and restoration of polluted sites to fundamental manipulation of genes and proteins in biodegradation / bioremediation and energy production to name a few here. Both chemical analysis and biological detection from single cell to community levels can be made readily with the latest available technologies to equip scientists with new tools for original discoveries and to provide solutions to an array of problems facing our society today and in the future. Both in-depth and multidisciplinary approaches are used effectively in today's investigations to excel the research advance. AEB will be a depository of scientific information to promote scientific development through exchange of information and to provide a forum for opinions expressed freely.

Science will continue to play a major role in our society and it has shaped our society and the way of our living significantly. Facing both opportunities and problems simultaneously, science will be a major component of our daily life to deal with various issues effectively. Put this in a positive way, our society grows and benefits from scientific development when new innovations are being made and implemented properly. To improve our living and to make this planet the home for all, science is becoming an indispensable part of us without any doubt. With this in mind, we share a lot in common and have to do better in the business of science.