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My dear colleagues,

As everybody knows, year 2014 marks the 10th anniversary of the completion of the rice genome by the International Rice Genome Sequencing Project (IRGSP). In the last 10 years, we have seen amazing progress in various areas of rice research, enhancing our understanding of agronomically important traits in rice, and accelerating the breeding of improved cultivars. Many of these achievements have acknowledged the accurate, map-based genome sequence of rice as reference.

The RICE journal was launched in 2008 by Springer to further accelerate rice research with the timely publication of research outputs in rice. So far, we have published a considerable number of articles focusing on the use of the genome sequence information. Data collected in Oryzabase managed by the National Institute of Genetics (NIG) in Japan indicates that the number of articles on rice research published in major journals has increased almost 4X in 2012 as compared to that in 2005 (see figure below). This also coincides with the increase in articles published in RICE as we moved to an open access journal in 2012. So RICE has also played a significant role in compiling our knowledge on rice research for both fundamental and applied sciences.

In this context, I believe that publishing a special issue in RICE is the most fitting tribute to mark the 10th anniversary of the completion of the rice genome sequence. This special issue will consist of review articles, perspectives, or commentaries providing insights on what we have learned about the genome itself, the biology of rice in terms of genetics, physiology, evolution, nutrition etc., and various achievements in crop improvement, as a way of looking back over the past decade and looking forward to the next 10 years and beyond.

So I would like to invite each and every one of you to contribute an article of your choice to this special issue. We are targeting the online publication before the end of 2014 as the culmination of the 10th anniversary celebration so I hope to get your voluntary contributions by the end of September. All contributed manuscripts will not undergo the normal peer review process. Instead the manuscripts will be handled as ‘editorial submissions’ to be assigned to one or two AEs for comments and the EiC.

I am looking forward to receiving your positive response to this proposal, and hopefully, a topic that you would like to contribute to the special issue. Thank you very much.

With my warmest regards,

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