

Editor-in-Chief's Note

Why and what is the 2MEOGA Journal?

This is the first issue of the Mineral Metal Energy Oil Gas and Aggregate Journal (2MEOGA). More than three years after we started an effort to bring out a new journal in the overarching areas of minerals, metals, energy, oil, gas, and aggregate the first issue has finally come out. It would not have been possible without the help of Informatics Publishing Limited, the publisher who took a leap of faith; otherwise, bringing out a journal in the already crowded space of open-access publishing would not have been possible.

Why a journal is important to a discipline. A journal houses articles that promote normality, order, rigor and answers to questions. A journal also brings in mutual respectability and encourages the readers, and the authors to learn. It stitches different learner groups together-enhancing exchange. A journal's contribution to a discipline is often unfathomable and its contribution to the greater society is irreplaceable.

Why a new journal in this mixed discipline? I have long felt that operations and engineering do not speak enough of a discipline. Emotions, misogyny, class differences, stories, injustice, generational shifts, and many other things also surround a discipline. A discipline is also a human! Additionally, in a practical sense, the journey of minerals and others does not stop at the gate of a mine or a plant but extends far beyond. The mineral that has traveled from amine in Brazil to a plant in India, to be transformed into a nut or bolt, has many different stories to tell.

What is this new journal? This journal will publish articles relating to law, humanities, science, technology, engineering, trade, and applications of minerals, metals, energy, oil and gas, and the one that was left out for long, aggregate. It will not strictly be technical articles but articles on law, humanities, and society, etc. will also be equally respected and accepted on merit. Well, like all journals, it will also evolve with time. The first step has been taken and miles to go; wish us all the best.



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