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Abstract

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From the Executive Editor

“There are far better things ahead
than any we leave behind.”
- C. S. Lewis

The world is changing; changing rapidly. It is hard to keep up and (despite what C. S. Lewis says) it is even harder to envision what lies ahead is somehow better than what we left behind. We now keep distance from one another, we wear masks, many children were - and will continue to be - educated virtually from home, and educators at all levels are altering their classrooms and styles of teaching. Extension professionals find themselves seeking alternative ways to reach out to clientele since face-to-face communication has become more difficult and sometimes impossible. Terms used infrequently have become everyday occurrences: social distance, hybrid classrooms, and virtual meetings.

As agricultural and extension educators, communicators and leaders around the world, we are used to studying *change*. We examine how to alter how people think, believe, feel and act – behavior *change* is what we seek – whether it be changes in how we grow crops, changes in how we educate, changes in how we ensure a sustainable environment for future generations, or changes in how we keep our communities safe. We are seekers of *change*; identifying best practices for educating and communicating with others so they can *change* and make the world a better place. Despite all this, change in our own lives, and the disruptions occurring across our global society, can feel overwhelming and extremely difficult to navigate.

Look through the August 2020 issue of the *JIAEE* and you will notice a wide variety of research projects that examine *change* in many capacities. First, you will find two Research Notes of interest: both of which examine ways to support educators and entrepreneurs as they strive to change their businesses and extension systems. These are brief, to the point, pieces that offer real world examples of the power of mentoring and building supportive systems to achieve goals.

Moving into our Feature Articles, I encourage those of you seeking new research methods to take a good look at the research projects conducted by Borron et al., Roberts et al., and Dobbins et al. that offer new scales and examples of less often used research methods. They are all intriguing pieces that provide insights into new ways of doing research. In addition, you will find two articles testing adoption models that could be applied around the world including the Integrated Extension Model, tested by Sarker et al. in Bangladesh, and the Concerns-based Adoption Model, tested by Mize et al. in Cambodia. There are also several studies examining the effectiveness of agricultural communications that are extremely informative as we are all being asked to come up with creative, distanced, ways of reaching our clientele.

I encourage you to read the articles in this August 2020 edition of *JIAEE* cover-to-cover recognizing that change and uncertainty can be difficult, but there are “far better things ahead.”

Sincerely,



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