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From the Editor

I was fortunate this summer to be able to travel more than I have since the beginning of the COVID pandemic. As the world has opened back up, tourists flocked to Europe, Disneyworld, the Caribbean and many other traditional holiday locations. I was able to spend several weeks in Greece, Croatia, Montenegro and a few other countries around the Adriatic Sea. I don't get to that very often. In fact, it was the longest period of time I have ever been away from home for one trip. It was an eye-opening experience for me as it allowed me the time to really imbed into the countries and culture of the places I visited. One thing that struck me everywhere I went is that our food supply chain is still very fragile. Maybe it always was and now pandemics and climate change are just making it more obvious. Regardless, our role as educators in international extension remains critical as we work to better food security, livelihoods and agricultural knowledge of those in need.

I believe our journal issue at the end of summer, 2023 focuses on those items. Studies included were conducted in Africa, South-East Asia and in the United States. These focused on a wide variety of topics but each provides important information about the studied populations, their characteristics, needs, communication channels and overall food security. Other studies are looking inward at extension educators and their experiences as well as career pathways in international agriculture.

This is a large issue and is twice the size of some we have had since 2020. Submissions have been up, which tells me that, like myself this summer, our members are reengaging in international travel to conduct research programs, study abroad and community development projects. It makes me very happy to see our impact increasing. This is also a very diverse issue that recognizes the breadth of the regions in which we work, and the scope of research conducted by our members. Each day I see our dedicated members venturing out and continuing to make the world a better place.

Thank you all for reading the *JIAEE*. Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have questions. Safe travels as you go along your way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michel Todd Brashears". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'M'.

M. Todd Brashears, Professor
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