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Dear Collegues,

 Thank you so very much indeed for responding to my request and congratulations for being appointed to the Editorial Board of JAALDS.  Attached please, find the new list.

 We have trimmed the board because the previous one was expansive and dysfunctional. We have appointed only few energetic scholars for efficiency purposes. It is always easier, efficient and better to work with a small number of scholars when planning and executing goals and objectives of planned projects.

 The following are the roles and the functions of the Editorial Board members:

 i.                     To act as custodians of the Journal and *Ex Officio* Members of the International Association for Local government.

ii.                   To act as Guest Editors for special  Issues/Volumes of the Journal.

iii.                 To give advice and guidance concerning the running of the Journal.

iv.                 They have rights and authority to call for papers and become a guest editors.

v.                   To ensure that the quality, goals, aims and goals of the Journal are maintained at all times.

The Journal was established by the International Association for Local Government in 2011, in Durban, South Africa, to brings together works of scholars and researchers from different parts of the World, for sharing and comparisons, through Annual International Conferences on Local Government. We took this initiative bearing in mind that self-sufficiency is the only way that will bring recognition to our ideas and work in the world where everyone strives for recognition innovation and creativity.

 We aimed to be as inclusive as possible especially by bringing together scholars from the developing countries in Africa and Asia. We encouraged scholars from Asia and Africa to use the Journal as a conduit of development of scholarship, fellowship, research and publications. We all know that scholars from these regions do research, but unfortunately their works do not see the light. The objective of the Journal therefore was to change that perspective and provide a platform for sharing knowledge through publications. At the same time, we vowed to maintain the high standards and quality of scholarly published articles. This of course, is a delicate balancing act to achieve. However, our newly assembled Editorial Board is equal to the task to insure this. We will tap into the vast knowledge of each member to make our dreams of establishing a reputable Journal a reality.

 Every Board member therefore has a responsibility to ensure that scholars from his/her respective parts of the world are informed about the availability and existence of this Journal for publication of scholarly works. Young scholars and postgraduate students are particularly encouraged to submit their works for consideration. Our task is to assist and create a new crop of scholars. Our Journal is not there to critique the works of other and damp them. Our task as custodians of the Journal is a constructive one: To correct and rectify mistakes of researchers and scholars so that they can become better authors.

 We will be publishing the journal three times per year. We will be publishing both hard copies and Online papers. Both versions will be fully funded by Rhodes University under the auspice of the Research Division.

 The establishment of the new Website for the Journal is underway. I will send you the link as soon as it is completed.

 I will also contact our colleagues at Khon Kaen University in Thailand, requesting them that all the old papers which were published there, be republished on our New website so that people and readers can follow the trends of our publications. I kept electronic copies of all previous issues and volumes.

I will keep you posted on the New Development.

 Congratulations for being appointed to the Board. I look forward to working with you.

 Gratitude,

 Alex

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