

# Editorial

## *from the Publisher*

IN 2024, AFTER 42 YEARS of the continuous publication of *Waterlines*, Practical Action Publishing and *Waterlines'* editorial board had to contemplate how the journal would be managed and published in the foreseeable future.

Since then, the team at Practical Action Publishing have been committed to finding alternative ways to ensure that the many accomplishments of *Waterlines* –our vast catalogue of researchers and practitioners, shared experiences, research evidence, and participation in building such an important body of knowledge – not only exists in the Practical Action Publishing archives, but also continues to be published and reach those that benefit most from access to such a valuable repository of resources.

We are delighted to share the news with *Waterlines'* supporters, subscribers and contributors, past and present, that concerns over the possibility of a hiatus in the journal's publishing programme was unfounded. Our commitment to finding an alternative way of continuing to contribute to, and share the knowledge collected in *Waterlines* from a legacy of practice-based insights into key challenges facing engineers, health professionals, community development workers, researchers and policy makers in the WASH sector., has proved to be successful!

Through partnership with likeminded not-for-profit academic international organisations, new issues of *Waterlines* are already in production for publication in 2025. The journal title, content, scope and aims will remain as they have always been, so that the reputation of our peer-reviewed esteemed journal – written by researchers and practitioners for the benefit of practice and informing research and policy – not only continues but will be allowed to reach ever further.

Prior to the forthcoming 2025 new issue's publication, and to mark this exciting refresh, we have published a curated special free-to-access double issue, which brings together a selection of articles under a gendered perspective theme – a theme that also coincides with International Women's Day this year.

Thank you for your continuing support!  
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