In this issue of TES, we have four articles looking at different aspects of environmental problems. The first article, University Culture – Quo Vadis? Prospects of Environmental Science–Policy Interface up to 2020 by Tapioa, Kohl, Tikkanece, and Salonena, looks at different university cultures, and the different roles that they have in influencing the policy decisions on environmental issues. This study looks at the different university cultures in Finland, and provides a picture of the changes that have been going on in the university culture over the last 15-20 years, as well as providing an analysis on what the experts believe the best transition for university culture should be.

The second article moves the focus from university culture to fisheries management. This article, Perspectives in the Limnology of Shallow Tropical African Reservoirs in Relation to their Fish and Fisheries by Mustapha, looks at the importance of the inclusion of limnological data in reservoir design, operation and general management. The author shows how the incorporation of these data will help to ensure sustainable fish production in shallow, tropical reservoirs in Africa.

The third article and fourth article move the focus over to the energy sector. Small Scale Biomass CHP Projects – Improving the Framework for CDM in Thailand by Lybæk, Andersen, Hansen and Kjer, looks at a future small-scale biomass CHP projects in Thailand, as a clean development mechanism (CDM) project. The paper provides an analysis of the project, suggesting a number of supportive policy recommendations in order to help the implementation of these small-scale projects. The fourth article, Wind Power Generation in Germany – a Transdisciplinary View on the Innovation Biography by Bruns and Ohlhorst, examines the innovation pathways of wind energy in Germany over the last 30 years. This paper outlines the role that governance, and public participation had in the development of the wind power industry in Germany.

Finally, this issue concludes with a short essay by the TES editors, which highlights the inseparability of water and energy, which has been coined “The Water-Energy Nexus”. This essay is provided as a kind of an idea appetizer for future articles which could be submitted to TES. As usual, the editors welcome all articles which deal with transdisciplinary approaches on studying or evaluating environmental problems at all scales, from local to global.

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