



# Advancing Open, Ethical, and Interdisciplinary Scholarship: Reflections on Volume One and a Call for Contributions to Volume Two (2026)

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## Abstract

The completion of the first publication cycle of SOLAV Journal marks a significant milestone in the development of an open, ethical, and inclusive platform for scholarly communication. Volume One (2025) established the journal's foundational principles by bringing together interdisciplinary research across computing, engineering, sustainability, and applied sciences within a transparent and continuous publication framework. This editorial reflects on the achievements and lessons of the inaugural volume and outlines the journal's strategic direction for Volume Two (2026). In addition, it formally invites original scholarly contributions from researchers worldwide, reaffirming SOLAV's commitment to rigorous peer review, open access, and the responsible dissemination of knowledge. Through this call for papers, the journal seeks to strengthen its role as a collaborative space for innovative, socially relevant, and methodologically sound research.

## Keywords

Scholarly Publishing · Open Access · Continuous Publication · Peer Review · Research Integrity · Interdisciplinary Research · Academic Communication · Call for Papers

## 1. Introduction

The global research landscape is undergoing profound transformation driven by digital technologies, open science movements, and increasing demands for transparency and social

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relevance. Scholarly journals play a central role in this evolving ecosystem by mediating the production, evaluation, and dissemination of knowledge. In this context, the launch of SOLAV Journal was guided by a commitment to building a platform that combines academic rigor, ethical responsibility, and universal accessibility.

With the publication of Volume One (2025), SOLAV Journal has completed its inaugural phase of development. This achievement represents the collective effort of authors, reviewers, editorial members, and readers who have contributed to shaping the journal's identity and standards. The present editorial reflects on this first stage and sets forth the vision and priorities for the forthcoming volume.

## 2. Reflections on Volume One (2025)

Volume One established SOLAV Journal as a multidisciplinary forum for high-quality research and scholarly dialogue. The inaugural volume featured original research articles, conceptual studies, and policy-oriented editorials addressing topics in artificial intelligence, sustainable energy systems, cybersecurity, and scholarly communication. These contributions exemplified methodological rigor, theoretical relevance, and practical applicability.

Several important lessons emerged from the first publication cycle. First, the continuous publication model proved effective in enabling timely dissemination while maintaining thorough editorial and peer-review processes. Second, the journal's open-access framework facilitated wide readership and international engagement. Third, the diversity of contributors demonstrated the value of welcoming submissions from institutional researchers, independent scholars, and practitioners.

The success of Volume One confirms the importance of transparent governance, ethical oversight, and constructive peer review. It also highlights the responsibility of the editorial board to continuously refine editorial practices in response to evolving academic standards and community expectations.

## 3. Mission and Editorial Commitment

SOLAV Journal is founded on the principle that scholarly knowledge constitutes a global public good. The journal is dedicated to advancing research that is accessible, verifiable, and socially meaningful. Its mission is to promote interdisciplinary inquiry, encourage methodological innovation, and support responsible research practices.

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The editorial framework of SOLAV Journal is guided by internationally recognized standards of publication ethics and research integrity. All submitted manuscripts undergo an initial editorial screening followed by double-blind peer review. This process is designed to ensure fairness, confidentiality, and constructive evaluation. Editorial decisions are based solely on scholarly merit, originality, methodological soundness, and alignment with the journal's aims and scope.

In parallel, the journal remains committed to openness and transparency. Clear policies govern authorship, conflicts of interest, data availability, and post-publication corrections. Digital preservation strategies and metadata standards are implemented to ensure long-term accessibility and discoverability.

## 4. Strategic Outlook for Volume Two (2026)

Building upon the foundation established in 2025, Volume Two aims to further strengthen the journal's academic profile and international reach. The forthcoming volume will continue to prioritize interdisciplinary research that addresses complex scientific, technological, and societal challenges.

### **Key priorities for 2026 include:**

- Expanding contributions in emerging areas such as explainable artificial intelligence, sustainable infrastructure, data security, and digital scholarship.
- Encouraging integrative research that bridges theory and practice.
- Enhancing metadata quality and digital interoperability to support indexing and archiving.
- Promoting responsible open science practices, including data sharing and reproducibility.

Through these efforts, SOLAV Journal seeks to contribute meaningfully to global research agendas and to foster sustained scholarly collaboration.

## 5. Call for Papers: Volume Two (2026)

SOLAV Journal hereby invites original scholarly submissions for Volume Two (2026). The journal operates under a continuous publication model, and manuscripts are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year.

### 5.1 Types of Contributions

The journal welcomes the following categories of manuscripts:

- Original Research Articles
- Review Articles
- Conceptual and Theoretical Papers
- Methodological Studies
- Scholarly Editorials and Perspectives
- Short Communications

All submissions must present original work and demonstrate clear relevance to the journal's scope.

## 5.2 Subject Areas

Submissions are invited in, but not limited to, the following domains:

- Artificial Intelligence and Computing
- Machine Learning and Data Science
- Cybersecurity and Privacy
- Renewable Energy and Sustainability
- Engineering and Applied Sciences
- Digital Scholarship and Open Science
- Human–Technology Interaction
- Interdisciplinary and Emerging Technologies

Interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral research is particularly encouraged.

## 5.3 Submission and Review Process

Manuscripts should be submitted through the journal's online submission system, in accordance with the author guidelines available on the journal website. Each submission undergoes:

1. Initial editorial assessment
2. Double-blind peer review by independent experts
3. Revision and resubmission (where applicable)
4. Final editorial decision

The journal is committed to providing timely, constructive feedback and maintaining transparent communication throughout the review process.

## 5.4 Ethical Standards and Author Responsibilities

Authors are expected to adhere to the highest standards of research integrity. Submissions must be original, properly referenced, and compliant with ethical guidelines. All authors must disclose potential conflicts of interest and confirm their contribution to the work.

The journal encourages clear data availability statements and supports responsible data-sharing practices.

## 5.5 Accessibility and Dissemination

All accepted articles are published under an open-access model, ensuring free and permanent access for readers worldwide. Published works are preserved through established digital archiving mechanisms and made discoverable through standardized metadata and repository integration.

## 6. Invitation to the Global Scholarly Community

SOLAV Journal welcomes contributions from researchers at all career stages and institutional contexts, including independent scholars and practitioners. The journal values diversity of perspectives, methodological pluralism, and inclusive participation in knowledge production.

By fostering an environment of mutual respect, critical engagement, and intellectual openness, SOLAV aims to support both established and emerging voices in the global research community.

## 7. Conclusion

The transition from Volume One to Volume Two represents a moment of consolidation and renewed ambition for SOLAV Journal. The achievements of 2025 demonstrate the viability of an open, ethical, and interdisciplinary publishing model grounded in rigorous peer review and community engagement.

As the journal enters its second volume, it reaffirms its commitment to scholarly excellence, transparency, and social responsibility. Through this call for papers, SOLAV Journal invites researchers worldwide to contribute to a shared endeavor of advancing knowledge for the benefit of science and society.

## Declaration of Interest

The author declares no conflicts of interest relevant to this editorial.

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