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Out of the 27 papers submitted to MJST after the conference, only 17 papers passed the double-blind peer-review and other editorial processes, leading to their inclusion in this special issue.

The papers featured herein, authored by local and international authors from higher education institutions and relevant agencies, highlight the significant role of radiation in various fields (agriculture, biochemistry, floriculture, molecular genetics, etc.), the investigation of Philippine Research Reactor-1 (PRR-1) that is in possession of the DOST-PNRI for decades, the successful synthesis of the anion electrolyte membrane, and the determination of soil radon exhilaration rates, among others.

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