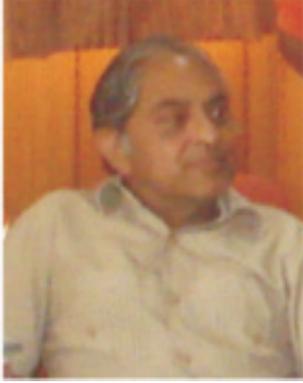


From the Desk of Editor-in-Chief



I am happy to state that, we have successfully brought out seven volumes of our journal "*International Journal of Food and Fermentation Technology*" and presenting volume 8 before you. I am equally delighted to inform you that the journal has received an overwhelming response from the scientists and academician of food and fermentation technology. However, there is poor response from the scientists from abroad which is a of serious concern that needs to be improved. It is a unique journal on the subject so earnestly request the scientific community to response with their high quality papers. It has been rated by NAAS and Index Copernicus, which is though quite encouraging needs improvement to achieve the set standards by taking measures by all those involved, especially the Editorial Board members and the Publisher to increase the visibility of the Journal.

During the past seven years, we have published papers on various aspects of food and fermentation technology, which could be achieved only with the active cooperation of all. It is hoped that the readers must have relished the style, general get-up, cover page, coverage of the journal, scientific and technical contents, with an attractive look of A4 size format but would welcome suggestions from the readers, contributors and peers of the field in the form of letters to the Editor-in-Chief for its improvement. I would be happy even to publish such letters and place before the Editorial Board various suggestions for possible implementation. I would like to express my deep gratitude to all those who have extended their help, guidance and co-operation especially the help extended by the editorial members/referees involved in review process in bringing out this issue.

I welcome the new editorial board members of the Journal and hope that their cooperation would help achieve new heights. I earnestly believe that the Journal would develop by leap and bounds in future. I siege this opportunity to request all the members of editorial board to exert more so that the journal gets high recognition among the peers. I am sure that through your efforts we would get not only more number of papers but of better quality. They are welcome to contribute papers of high quality and to encourage others to do so. They are expected to write at least once conceptual editorial and review the paper when asked to do so.

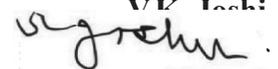
From Volume 2, we had introduced conceptual editorial which is being continued. I have been inviting all the members of editorial board to contribute liberally to various issues. It is your journal and you should make efforts to make it excellent. Certainly, there would not be any page charges for this invited contribution. However, there is somewhat slower response to my request. I again request all of you to please send conceptual editorial with your photo. The scientists from abroad can definitely contribute to improve the quality of this journal presently in infancy by submitting conceptual editorial, state of art reviews, research papers and suggestions. Their contributions would be given due considerations.

From the last volume, we had started 'Open Forum' for the readers, peers, educations researchers and general public to express their views which would be published. The topic for the same is appearing just after conceptual editors. There is also a provision of publishing of book reviews in the journal for which all readers, scientists, editors can review the book of their choice except their own books and send their contributions to the Editor-In-Chief. Similarly, the publishers of the scientific books have opportunity to

submit their books for review to the Editor-in-Chief, for which no page charges are levied. The publishers, however are a bit shy, perhaps they think sending out a complimentary book for review would be too costly for them through in reality they could earn many times more than one copy of the book. Needless, to say that book reviewed get overwhelming recognition and in many cases more sale orders. A review would shortly be made to assess the performance of all the members of the editorial board after this volume (8) and would only be continued to be a member if at least once they have responded positively to my request in a befitting manner. From volume nine the editorial board would be restructured to make more effective.

On behalf of the editorial board and the publisher, I assure the readers and the contributors that we would strive hard to ensure high level of scientific integrity, transparency, impartiality and accuracy in selection of articles and finally, printing of the journal. Comparatively, the number of reviews submitted are very less and definitely, more reviews are welcome. The contributors of review or mini-review can consult the editor-in-chief, any member of the editorial board for the topic of review to contribute. I must express very clearly that just because of some page charges we will accept and publish substandard articles, but would accept and publish only peer reviewed and accepted papers. All the contributors are requested to check their contributions for the copy right problems, as we have a software to check the same. Besides, rejecting the paper, where violation is detected, it may lead to black listing of such authors. Similarly, I must say the many contributors want to publish their papers very quickly. Since, it takes time in review process of the paper and getting it reviewed, time is always consumed for publishing a paper. We strive to select papers for publication to cover as much as possible the entire spectrum of food and fermentation technology and the papers with some novelty get preference. Not only this, some authors get their papers reviewed and after getting the same improved publish in other journals, which is highly improper and unethical, would lead to black listing and publishing their names on website of the journals. I think such scientists are slur on the scientific community.

I understand very well that the final scientific quality of any journal would be determined by the type of papers submitted to the journal and published, so the cooperation of all would be a pre-requisite in this endeavour and would welcome. On behalf of me and the editorial board from the core of our hearts invite the authors to submit their quality papers with the suggestions for improvement in quality of the journal in future.

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