

From the Desk of Editor-in-Chief



I am happy to inform that we have successfully brought out five volumes of our journal "*International Journal of Food and Fermentation Technology*" I am equally delighted to inform you that the journal has received an overwhelming response from the scientists and academicians of food and fermentation technology. One more feather has been added to the already decocted cap of the journal that it has been rated by NAAS (4.26), which is though quite encouraging but needs improvement to achieve the set standards by taking measures by all those involved, especially the Editorial Board members and the Publisher.

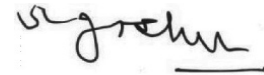
During the past five years, we have published papers on various aspects of food and fermentation technology, which could be achieved only with the active cooperation of all the members of editorial board, the contributors and the publisher. It is hoped that the readers must have relished the style, general 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. I would be happy to publish and place before the Editorial Board various suggestions for possible implementation. Now, I am placing before you the Volume 6 of the journal. I would like to express my deep gratitude to all those who have extended their help, guidance and co-operation especially the help extended in the editorial /review process in bringing out this issue.

I seize 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. As written earlier also, they should themselves contribute papers of high quality to encourage others to do so. From Volume 2, we had introduced conceptual editorial for which I invite the members of editorial board to contribute liberally. Certainly, there would not be any page charges for this invited contribution. 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. From this issue, we are starting 'Open Forum' for the readers, peers, educational 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 and send their contributions to the Editor-In-Chief. Similarly, the publishers of scientific books have opportunity to submit their books for review to the Editor-in-Chief, for which no page charges are levied. Needless to say that book reviewed get good recognition and in many cases more sale of their books.

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. I earnestly call upon all the scientists to publish their valuable findings in the journal as a vehicle of transmission of their scientific findings to the academic world. Comparatively, the number reviews submitted are very less and definitely, more reviews are welcome. The contributors of review or mini-review can consult the editor-in-chief, member of the editorial board for the topic of review to contribute. As written earlier, also at the same time, 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, reported violation 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. Not only this, some authors get their papers reviewed and after getting the same improved publish in other journal, which is highly improper and would lead to black listing and publishing their names on website of the journals.

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 from the core of my heart, especially the suggestions for improvement in quality of the journal in future.



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