

Message from Editor-in-Chief

Dear Friends,

We had a very successful launch of IJABE in 2008. Since then the journal has received manuscript contributions from many authors and published over 21 papers on a wide range of topics in addition to others. IJABE was included in Chemical Abstracts soon after the first issue and in CAB Abstracts after the second issue. Both Chemical Abstracts and CAB Abstracts are major academic publication indexing databases. In addition, IJABE has also been listed by Open J-Gate, the world's largest open access journal platform. These achievements are testimonials of the high quality of the journal, and also speak well for the great efforts by the authors, reviewers, editors, and readers. IJABE is governed and operated by a large international editorial board consisting world renowned scholars in the fields of agricultural and biological engineering, and enjoys broad support from AOCABFE and CSAE and their members.

In the first issue of 2009 just published, you will find some of the latest researches and developments in power and machinery engineering, soil and water engineering, bioenvironmental engineering, information and electrical engineering, renewable resources and energy, and agricultural and food processing engineering. Some of the findings reported are expected to have high impact in their respective areas. Let's keep the momentum going and make IJABE a high quality and highly accessible platform for scholarly exchanges and research result dissemination to promote the development of sustainable agriculture, energy security, healthy foods, and clean environment.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for all authors, reviewers, editors, and the operation team, specially the remarkable and tireless efforts of our hardworking and dynamic editorial team. Our special thanks also go to our sponsors, AOCABFE and CSAE, and their leaderships, and supporters whose contributions have made IJABE possible and a journal of choice for many authors and readers.

We would again like to invite and encourage you to submit original research papers, as well as reviews, technical notes, short communications, and opinions, etc. in the general areas of agricultural and biological engineering. Online IJABE, based on Open Access, promises a speedy peer-review, fast publication, free accessibility, and high visibility. We are committed to develop IJABE into a high quality and prestigious scholarly journal. The success of this journal depends on your participation and support. We encourage you to browse through www.ijabe.org, and would greatly appreciate your valuable feedback and contribution.

Best wishes,



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