

# Looking back to 2022, and looking forward to 2023

---From the Editor-in-Chief

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In 2022, we experienced an eventful and fruitful year facing the global pandemic of COVID-19 and many uncertainties. All the 182 papers published in the International Journal of Agricultural and Biological Engineering (IJABE) in 2022 have been indexed and abstracted by the Web of Science Core Collection and other famous indexing databases in a timely manner. The total number of DOI resolutions of IJABE papers in the past 12 months from January 2022 to January 2023 reached 113 116, with increasing international resolutions. The Fourth Term IJABE International Editorial Board was updated, and more outstanding young researchers, scientists, and scholars were recruited to be included in the editorial board. IJABE keeps bursting with new vitality.

To promote scholarly communication among Chinese peers, IJABE has regularly released both the Chinese and English abstracts of the papers published in each issue to the WeChat Official Account and WeChat group of IJABE since May 2021. Up to date, IJABE WeChat Official Account has pushed 275 items including abstracts in 2022. The total number of readings reaches 51 197, the total number of reader views is 64 818, the average number of reader views is 236, and the total number of followers is 3179. The number of frequent readers increased to 540, and the proportion of frequent readers increased to 17%.

IJABE has been indexed and abstracted by the Web of Science Core Collection since 2013. According to the 2022 update of Journal Citation Reports® (JCR2021) released by Clarivate Analytics on June 28, 2022, the latest impact factor of IJABE is 1.885, ranking the 7th out of 14 SCI-indexed agricultural engineering journals, located in Quartile 2 (Q2). Welcome to publish with IJABE!

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Thank you to all our authors, readers, reviewers, and editors!

In the new year of 2023, we wish you a healthy, wealthy, and prosperous Year of the Rabbit. Happy Chinese Lunar New Year!

Wishing you all the best in 2023!!



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