

Editorial

Motivation Towards Blended Research Approaches

The Journal of Food and Agriculture launched its first issue in 2008. After a decade and two years, a time has reached for recalling past challengers that the journal faced while accomplishing successful publications of many research findings. Timely publication of the manuscripts was the major hindrance that the journal faced in the past. Since 2018, the journal has been obliging to the Journal Publishing Practices Standards (JPSS) established by the International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP) by changing the format of the first page of the articles with ORCID and Copyright statement.

The journal publishes in the common field of agriculture where concentrations towards food technology, horticulture, plantation crops, agronomy, policymaking, entrepreneurship, and biotechnology are the mainly accepted areas of researches. More interestingly, going a step forward, with the present issue, the journal has been able to publish blended research on software development for a problem in

agriculture where computational biology, pathology, agronomy, and mathematical approaches are involved.

Blended research is a project involving a combination of research methods in multidisciplinary fields. Many significant breakthroughs have been emerged in the world by blended approaches combining physical and biological sciences. Inter, multi, and trans-disciplinary research together with blended data collection, blended fieldwork, blended methodologies seem promising with regards to effectiveness and applicability. In most cases, software and electronic solutions have been blended with a biological query. Blending the qualitative approaches with the quantitative approaches is more exploratory to be applied in social-science researches. Intending to motivate researchers towards blended research, after the completion of 12 years of the journey of the Journal of Food and Agriculture, we refaced the cover page of the present issue with various research outcomes of authors.

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