

I am very pleased to serve as the Editor-in-Chief for the Journal of Agricultural and Marine Sciences (JAMS). JAMS is a peer reviewed open access journal published by the College of Agricultural and Marine Sciences (CAMS), Sultan Qaboos University (SQU). This journal was initiated in 1996 as the "Journal for Scientific Research-Agricultural and Marine Sciences" and later it was re-named as the Journal of Agricultural and Marine Sciences (JAMS). It has now reached its 25 years of publication and is serving the Agricultural Sciences by disseminating scientific knowledge. My goal now is to take it to the next stage of progress.

JAMS publishes original fundamental and applied research articles in a wide variety of disciplines of agriculture and natural resources. The journal is intended to serve a wide range of specialists and bring together quality papers dealing with agricultural economics, natural resource economics, animal and veterinary sciences, bioresources, soil sciences, water management, agricultural engineering, fisheries marine sciences, food science, human nutrition, plant production, plant protection, rural environment, and coastal zone management. It is focused on publishing research papers, scientific reviews, book reviews, short notes, editorials, letters to the editor, snapshot and perspective papers in the broader areas of agricultural and marine sciences. Perspective papers are short papers that present an opinion or novel interpretation of existing ideas or data. Snapshot papers focus on a high quality illustration and these should not exceed one page and list only a maximum of 3 references. These papers illustrate the common saying "One picture is worth a thousand words".

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Michel Claereboudt for his dedication to the progress of JAMS. I would also like to thank all earlier Editors and Associate Editors for their contribution towards JAMS and to bring it to its current level. I would like to welcome the new Editor, Dr. Mohammad Farooq and all Associate Editors, Dr. Haytham Ali, Dr. Ali Al-Maktoomi, Dr. Velazhahan Rethinasamy, Dr. Daniel Blackburn, Dr. Zaher Al-Attabi and Dr. Lokman Zaibet. The editorial team is committed to developing the JAMS with its continued publications of scientific papers.

The current plan is to publish two regular issues per year. We will attempt to publish perspective articles regularly addressing issues related to the GCC, especially Oman. Books published, especially from CAMS and Oman, will be considered for review and will be published in the JAMS.

As we reached 25 years of publishing the JAMS, we would like to celebrate this occasion by publishing a special issue in 2020 or early 2021. The theme would be, "Progress of Agricultural and Marine Sciences in the Sultanate of Oman". The target would be to publish review articles mainly focusing on major areas of agricultural and marine sciences. We would like to encourage academics, researchers and professionals working in the areas of agricultural and marine sciences to submit their scientific and review papers for possible publication in the JAMS.

I am confident that the JAMS will reach another stage of success with the support of the new editorial board members. I would like to express my appreciation to Dr. Rahma Al-Mahrooqi, (Chair, SQU Publication Committee) and Dr. Abdullah Al-Sadi (Dean, CAMS) for their continued support toward me and my editorial team.

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