Editorial

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I have the privilege to recall the publication of “Synopsis” of Journal of Packaging Technology and Research (JPAC) which was released on 14th May, 2016 to commemorate the closing ceremony of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Indian Institute of Packaging. The Synopsis has highlighted about the objective of this journal, topics to be covered, instructions for authors and the profiles of the esteemed members of editorial board.

And now, it is my great pleasure to present the first issue of Journal of Packaging Technology and Research (JPAC) by joining with the family of Springer Nature open access journals. JPAC is the official journal of Indian Institute of Packaging, an international reputed Institute in the field of packaging under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt of India.

The aim of this Journal of Packaging Technology and Research (JPAC) is to publish the original high quality research papers, reviews, research articles and IPR (patent) related notes on packaging science and technology to highlight about the innovations in different types of primary packaging materials like paper and paperboard, plastic films and flexible laminates, aluminium foils, metal containers, glass and composite containers, plastic rigid containers etc., the secondary packaging materials like wooden containers, corrugated fibre board boxes, fibre drums, natural fabric materials like jute, plastic woven sack, intermediate bulk containers (IBC) and the ancillary packaging materials like caps and closures, labels, printing inks and adhesives, coatings etc. and their applications in packaging of different types of goods like food, bulk drugs, pharmaceuticals, Cosmetics, toiletries, Chemicals, Cement,

fertilisers, engineering and electronic items etc. either to enhance the shelf life of perishable goods or to increase the functional properties of packaging materials to provide the adequate protection to non perishable goods and thus to reduce the damages of goods during handling, storage and transportation. In addition, the research papers related to innovative package design and development to enhance the market value of items like ready made garments, hand-looms and handicraft etc. will also be covered. Besides, there will be an exclusive chapter like “Industry news” to highlight about the innovative packaging techniques and technologies which have got economically viable commercial application for the benefit of entrepreneurs.

Finally, I wish to mention here that the Open access model adopted for Journal of Packaging Technology and Research (JPAC) is to address the need of researchers in packaging to maximise the dissemination and also the impact on their research. The Open Access Journal will provide the number of advantages to the researchers like more visibility, usage and citations for their research work. Moreover, this Open Access model will increase more opportunity for collaboration, faster and easier access of information to the researchers.

Keeping in view of this background, I invite the researchers who are involved to the research on package design or development of innovative packaging materials and their applications either to enhance the shelf life of perishable goods or functional properties of unit/bulk packages to submit their papers for double blind peer review. The peer reviewed research paper will be made available as open access to the world on free of charge for the benefit of researchers as well industry persons.

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