Editorial for Journal of Packaging Technology & Research

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I am happy to present this second issue of the Journal of Packaging Technology and Research (JPAC). JPAC was launched on 14th May 2016 to commemorate the golden jubilee celebrations of the Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP) and the first issue (Volume 1, Number 1) was published in January 2017. JPAC is an international peer-reviewed publication that publishes original, high quality research on topics related to packaging science and technology.

The Journal aims at publishing inter-disciplinary, global approaches to packaging, with a focus on the ever-growing environmental, safety, technical and socio-economic challenges related to packaging. JPAC publishes both original papers and review papers related to the different aspects of packaging. The topics covered include, packaging engineering, composites, blends, multilayers, nano- and micro-structuring, surface treatment (corona, plasma), functional properties and related applications in packaging of foods, pharmaceuticals, bulk drugs, cosmetics, etc. Besides, perishables and FMCG, the Journal also looks at packaging of all movable goods requiring protection, looking at issues such as safety (migration, interactions) and stability (during usage), breakthrough structures and properties (ICT, RFID labels, freshness indicators, etc.), active technologies (absorbing, releasing), nano-technologies (spherical, elongated, platelets nano-particles), and nano-composites. The Journal also considers marketing, design and societal aspects, such as communication, perception, design,

convenience, logistic issues, and environmental impact. Sustainability and related issues such as, life cycle analysis, recycling, incineration, biodegradability, and food waste reduction are also covered by the scope of JPAC.

In addition to the original and review articles, many issues of the Journal include a unique section titled “Industry News”. This section offers highlights in packaging innovations and the newest patents and offerings coming in from the packaging industry.

The second issue of the Journal includes research papers on the enhancement of shelf life of Seer fishes by using the chemicals (Sodium Acetate) treatment of multi-layered EVOH based plastic packaging materials, utilisation of edible films and coatings as packaging materials for dairy products like cheese, and the incorporation of novel technologies for cost effectiveness in food packaging.

It is our hope that this journal will serve well the researchers involved in basic as well as applied research in the field of packaging.

I invite researchers working on all aspects of packaging research to contribute to JPAC. To submit online or to read papers published so far free of charge, please visit the Journal webpage at <http://www.springer.com/engineering/industrial+management/journal/41783>.

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