

EDITORIAL

It is a matter of great pleasure that “**International Society for Sugar Research and Promotion**” has been registered which aims at :

(a) to constitute a forum at international level for bringing together individuals and organisations involved in sugar crops and related industry; (b) to develop international research/development linkages and disseminate up-to-date technologies in the field of sugar production/by-product utilization/effluent treatment/alcohol production and environmental management through rapid information system; (c) to promote and undertake Research and Development and Extension Services in the field of sugar crops and value added products; (d) to explore new areas related to cane production technologies, cane developmental activity and logistic management; (e) to propagate utilization of non-conventional and renewable sources of energy and development of improved systems and devices in sugar industry for sugar processing including fermentation and effluent treatment technologies; (f) to offer recognition and awards to professional groups and potential customers for attainment of excellence in the field of sugar crops and related industries; (g) to Interact with government agencies, scientific organisations and NGOs to promote and protect interests of sugar crop growers and (h) to organise symposia, seminars and workshops and bring out publications to meet the objectives of the society.

Now the **Sugar Tech** will be the official journal of this Society. Twelve issues of **Sugar Tech** have been published in last three years. In such a short span, we have started receiving research articles from all over the world. Thirty libraries are subscribing **Sugar Tech** journal throughout the world of which ten are from abroad. I am really happy that **Sugar Tech** has come to be leading international journal with its unique quality and standard. We have been covering current references on sugarcane, sugarbeet,

industry and technology alongwith addresses of corresponding authors, so that interested person could contact them as per their own interest. **Sugar Tech** is being indexed in CAB International, INSDOC and Biobase. This year I will try to include **Sugar Tech** in more citation periodicals of Biology, Agriculture and Industry.

I would like to thank our contributors for their valuable contributions based on their current researches. Advertisers have also shown interest in **Sugar Tech**. Nevertheless, we still need support from more concerned advertisers to provide us their advertisements for making each volume more significant. I extend my sincere thanks to our members of Advisory and Editorial Boards for their critical and valuable suggestions and editing the manuscripts with a view to keep on improving its standard.

I request all the scientists/industrialists/technologists engaged in sugarcane, sugarbeet and related industries to contribute their research findings to **Sugar Tech** and also to become members of the society with their active participation so that aims and objectives of Society could be fulfilled in their true perspectives. I hope the present volume in its new shape will be appreciated by all of you. I thank every one who has helped us in preparing this edition in one way or the other.

Looking forward to receive your support in upliftment of the Society and improvement of the journal. I shall always at your disposal to welcome your valuable suggestions.



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