



## EDITORIAL

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Founded in 2017, the NAJFNR, under the leadership of the Editor-in-Chief and Associate Section-editors, has achieved a significant advance with 17 issues, two special issues, conference abstract books, 189 published articles from 48 countries, 46 citations in Scopus and 195 in Google Scholar, and obtained two stars from Journal Publishing Practices and Standards (JPPS) of Journals Online project.

The new *North African Journal of Food and Nutrition Research* Editor-in-Chief, Prof. Mustapha Diaf and the new Deputy Executive Editors-in-Chief Prof. Hajer Debbabi, Prof. Farid Dahmoune, Dr. Nada Benajiba, and Dr. Basil H. Aoul-Enein share their introductory message as they start their new editorial terms on 1 August 2023.

It is a great honor to have been selected as the second and new Editor-in-Chief and Deputy Editors of *North African Journal of Food and Nutrition Research* (NAJFNR). We have enthusiastically followed the progress of NAJFNR since the very early days, to which we have proudly contributed as Managing Editor; Pr. Diaf, Associate-editors; Prof. Debbabi, Prof. Dahmoune, Dr. Benajiba, and Dr. Aboul-Enein, as reviewers, and as authors as well.

Thanks to our esteemed authors, NAJFNR has been a leading journal in the nutrition and food science community for nearly six (6) years. This success is also attributed to the dynamic and open-minded team of management and assistant editors, as well as with the exceptionally committed team of international experts from around the world serving on the international editorial advisory board. This framework is powered by a large pool of highly skilled and dedicated review-editors, who are the true drivers of the journal's high standard and reputation.

Before looking at what lies ahead, we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank our Editor-in-chief, Prof. Meghit B. Khaled, for his tremendous work and achievements. Under his leadership and building on a solid foundation, NAJFNR has become the go-to-place for disseminating new discoveries and applications of nutrition and food science to the community. We greatly appreciate his commitment and passion for the journal with the clear goal of soliciting the best scientific findings in our field, rigorously reviewing them, and delivering the research in a timely and accurate manner to our readers.

Our main mission is to continue to attract impactful articles and provide the best experience for our authors and readers for rapid and wide dissemination of high-quality research in the fields of nutrition and food science. We also intend to offer a special focus on nutrition in African countries. NAJFNR has been publishing for nearly six (6) years, and as a relatively “young” journal, it now faces new frontiers in advancing nutrition and food science for application in several health fields and specialties. We live in the age of fast-paced social media with an ever-increasing demand for spreading new information. Thus, it is crucial to maintain the excellence of NAJFNR to grow our global community and nurture the younger generation.

We strive to support authors throughout the publication process. The interdisciplinary nature of NAJFNR and the rapid evolution of the digital age offer new opportunities, but also new challenges to connect different disciplines with a commonly understandable language. To meet this challenge, we will work to evolve the scope of the journal to address new trends, especially those relevant to the clinical community, without losing its identity. We will continue to expand the space for special publications—for example, topical reviews, didactic/perspective articles, and substantive issues—from experts representing new topics and frontiers. We will also continue our efforts to establish and implement replicable research policies.

We will reach out the next generation of promising leaders in nutrition and food science, supporting and listening to the voices of emerging researchers at the start of their careers, namely graduate students and recent graduates, and offering them every opportunity to contribute to the development and content of the journal, providing editorial support, organizing online workshops, and participating to special issues, etc.

We are convinced that with the rapid evolution of the digital age and interdisciplinary technologies throughout social media (LinkedIn, Researchgate, Google Scholar, Facebook, etc.) we are being offered tremendous opportunities to shape the future of our field and make a visible impact with the journal. In an effort to increase membership and readership, occasional workshops for members and non-members are planned for recruiting editors and proofreaders, podcasting, article indexing, digital marketing to increase visibility, etc.

NAJFNR has an excellent peer-review system to ensure that it remains the leading global source of high-quality papers in the field of nutrition and food sciences. Therefore, we are thrilled to work with all of you—readers, authors, reviewers, Editorial Board members, and NAJFNR professional staff—to support and promote the further development of our journal as the ideal platform to report new scientific findings and exchange new ideas. Together, we will continue the success of NAJFNR and bring it to the next level. We welcome your comments, suggestions, and feedback at [contact@najfnr.com](mailto:contact@najfnr.com).

We are committed to showcasing emerging topics and the most recent findings in the world of nutrition, etc., what approaches would be utilized, based on evidence, for example to promote public health, engage with cultural diversity, multisectoral action and transcending scientific disciplines.

Thank you for your attention.

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- Hajer Debbabi, Deputy Executive Editor-in-Chief
- Farid Dahmoune, Deputy Executive Editor-in-Chief
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