

# JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CONTROL

## *Editorial.....✍*



Biological control, though recognized as an important and viable component of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), for several decades, the pace and momentum of its adoption is far below than expected levels due to various limitations and constraints. However in recent past, Biocontrol is being pursued with all seriousness, thanks to the awareness towards healthy food and environment, which is in line with the 3<sup>rd</sup> sustainable development goals of United Nations, 'Good Health and wellbeing'. With the advent of UN SDG's and increased emphasis on organic/natural farming, biological control is spreading fast and wide.

The dissemination of the research findings on utilization of biocontrol agents for successful management of insect pests and diseases needs to be focused towards encouragement of these tools and techniques. There are a very few refereed Journals exclusively devoted for the cause of biological control and the Journal of Biological Control (JBC) is one among them. I am happy to share the recognition of the contributions made by JBC with enhanced **NAAS rating of 5.46**. On behalf of the Editorial team and Executive committee of SBA and Publishers, I thank all the contributors, reviewers, readers and supporters of the Journal and solicit the same cooperation and encouragement to take the journal to further heights. I thank the publishing team from Informatics Journals for their dedicated services and hard work in bringing the issue on time and my editorial team for their untiring efforts.

The editorial board is committed to process in reasonable time and publish the reliable findings on all aspects of biological control including emerging novel approaches like genetic improvement of natural enemies, microbiome based approaches, semiochemical based control, development of climate and pesticide resilient biocontrol agent strains and api-vectoring or entomovectoring. The scope of the Journal has also been widened to consider botanical based pest management approaches which help in conserving natural enemies and integrate with biological control. The Journal continues to disseminate the knowledge and developments related to various aspects of biological control and foster interest in readers.

**I take this opportunity to wish all the readers, authors, reviewers, contributors and supporters of the Journal a Very Happy, Healthy Peaceful, Prosperous and Blessed New Year 2024.**

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