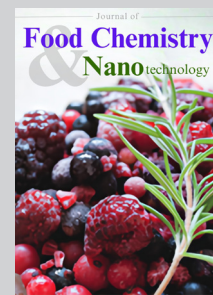


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## Preface of SSAFNS 2023

International Conference on Recent Trends in Smart and Sustainable Agriculture for Food and Nutritional Security (SSAFNS - 2023) organized by School of Agriculture, Lovely Professional University, Punjab sponsored by Dhanuka Agritech Limited on dated 22 - 23 November 2023. This event stands as a testament to our commitment to fostering collaboration, innovation, and knowledge exchange on a global scale. This conference was graced by Dr. RC. Agarwal, DDG (Ag. Education), ICAR - New Delhi as a chief guest; Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal, Chancellor LPU; Mr. Ram Gopal Agarwal, Chairman, Dhanuka AgriTech Limited; Dr. Lovi Raj Gupta, Pro-voice Chancellor, LPU; and Dr. Ramesh Kumar Sadawarti, Dean, School of Agriculture, LPU. The keynote speakers for the two day conference were Dr. Sachiko Hayashida, Nara Women's University, Japan; Dr. Kazuyuki Inubushi, Tokyo University of Agriculture, Japan; Dr. Megha Parajulee, Texas A&M University, United States; Dr. Ikechi Agbugha, River State University of Science and Technology, Nigeria; Dr. Tan Ngai Paing, University Putra Malaysia, Malaysia; Dr. Neeraj Dilbaghi, Director, UGC-HRDC (GOI); and Dr. Saravanan Raj, Director Agricultural Extension, Manage - Hyderabad. The invited speakers were Dr. Ganesh Nanjappa, Dean, Sampoorana International Institute of Agriculture Science and Horticulture Technology, Bangalore; Dr. Milan Kumar Lal, Senior Scientist (Plant Physiology), CPRI, Himachal Pradesh; Dr. Sanju Bala, Associate Professor, Chaudhary Devi Lal University, Haryana; Dr. Ravindra Kumar, Senior Scientist (Plant Pathology), Indian Institute of Wheat and Barley Research, Karnal; Dr. Shivraj Nile, Scientist C, National Agri-food Biotechnology Institute, Mohali; and Dr. Bhaskar Narjary, Soil Scientist, Central Soil Salinity Research Institute, Karnal. The speakers enriched the knowledge of the stakeholders on various aspects of agriculture science and technology.

The main objective of this conference was to explore the new area of agriculture research and disseminate the scientific knowledge with all stakeholders for further advancement in agriculture. The conference drew over 450 participants from around the world, with over 90 presentations in the form of oral and 80 as poster presentations. All the submitted papers were processed by the Technical Chairs and Technical Program Committee and accepted paper published in the Journal of Food Chemistry and Nanotechnology (Q3) as special issue.

Behind the scenes, a dedicated team has worked tirelessly to ensure the seamless execution of this event. We express my heartfelt gratitude to each member of the organizing committee and the students' volunteers who have contributed to bringing this conference to fruition. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dhanuka Agritech Limited for their generous financial support as esteemed sponsors. Additionally, we express our appreciation to the dedicated team at the Journal of Food Technology and Nanotechnology for showcasing our articles in a special issue, which has helped to enrich the scientific conversation.

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