



EDITORIAL

We are glad to bring you the first issue of Volume 42 (2023) of the Nigerian Journal of Technology with nineteen (19) peer reviewed articles. Please note that we are constantly striving to improve on the quality of the scientific content of our Journal. Hence, this means that our editorial processes are getting more stringent and our rejection rate may tick up significantly. As must have been observed by authors who have submitted manuscripts to us recently, new submissions are now subjected to plagiarism checks before peer review commences. However, since we operate a constructive article publication mechanism, we do not reject papers that violate our stipulated similarity index outright. Rather, these manuscripts are returned to the authors to reduce the similarity index of their papers to an acceptable range. In addition to this we have also been joined by Dr Patrick Udemeobong Akpan as a Section Editor in order to dip more effective hands into the editorial process. The expected impact of this is that manuscripts submitted to our Journal will now experience reduced editorial processing time which precedes the peer review process. In fact, we are already seeing good results. We still intend to expand the Editorial Board so that we can cater more effectively to the wide range of scientific scope our Journal embraces.

We sincerely appreciate our teaming authors who have continued to express an unwavering confidence in us by sending their manuscripts for possible publication in our Journal and also recommending Nigerian journal of Technology to their peers and colleagues. We understand that our decisions regarding your manuscripts might sometimes fall far from your expectations, but that is our way of saying that you can do better, based on the expert opinion of reviewers. Finally, we express profound gratitude to all our reviewers who find time to help us reach a reasonable and unbiased decision on each paper. We are particularly pleased with the swift responses we have recorded from our reviewers recently. This has helped us to clear some of the backlogs we had. So, thank you very much again and also expect more assignments from us.

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