



## MESSAGE

It is a pleasure to see that the Indian Journal of Biochemistry and Biophysics (IJBB) of CSIR-NIScPR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research in association with society of Biological Chemists (India) and BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus has brought out a special issue of theme 'Biological Chemistry: Opportunities, Challenges and the way forward'. The progress made by the journal IJBB CSIR-NIScPR, New Delhi since its inception, is providing comprehensive coverage of articles in the fields of Biochemistry, Biophysics, and Biotechnology.

CSIR-NIScPR, Research Journals Division, New Delhi is one of the science publishing houses in scholarly publications and Department of Biological Sciences, BITS Pilani K K Birla Goa Campus, Zuarinagar, Goa is one of India's first few departments for biological sciences. Over the years the department emerged into a major seat of learning and research for biological chemistry and allied sciences. In keeping with its objective of catering to needs of students and scientists nationwide and globally the CSIR-NIScPR, New Delhi and Department of Biological Sciences, BITS Pilani, Goa campus brought out this special issue under the theme "Biological Chemistry: Opportunities, Challenges and the Way Forward" was organized as a part of 92<sup>nd</sup> annual meet celebrations of the SBC(I).

The conference provided a platform for young researchers from different universities and institutes to interact with eminent scientists from premier institutes across the world. The research in the areas of protein structure and biology is rapidly advancing. High resolution and high end techniques like circular dichroism, fluorescence spectroscopy and microscopy, NMR spectroscopy, X-ray crystallography *etc.*, have allowed scientists to visualize proteins and other biological structures with unprecedented detail, providing insights into the underlying mechanisms of proteins and the biological processes catalyzed by them.

I am delighted to see that the articles include a diverse range of topics on therapeutic target proteins, their biological roles, and mechanistic understanding of their functions. Finally, I would like to congratulate and thank the Guest Editors Director Prof. Suman Kundu and Prof. Meenal Kowshik for putting together such an exciting and informative collection of articles in the special issue.

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