

## Message on 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



This year, the “Pakistan Journal of Analytical and Environmental Chemistry” is commemorating a significant milestone – its 20th anniversary. The serial issue of publications under a common title “Pakistan Journal of Analytical and Environmental Chemistry” was initiated in 2000. The first issue of Vo.1 of the journal was published with the Journal named as Pakistan Journal of Analytical Chemistry. Later, the Journal’s scope was broadened to include research articles related to Environmental Chemistry.

That year saw one issue, followed by two issues rest of the years. The “Pakistan Journal of Analytical and Environmental Chemistry” (PJAEC) is a peer-reviewed biannual journal that aims to provide an international forum for the dissemination of the latest original research, achievements and developments in many areas of chemistry; more particularly analytical and environmental chemistry. The papers published in the PJAEC are original articles presenting new information and reviews. These publications provide essential ideas and information that help new scientific inquiries and improve competency, efficiency and productivity.

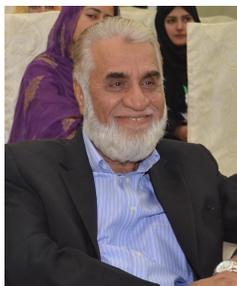
Over the years, the Journal has improved, progressed and reached international standards. It has been included in Q4 journals and indexed in Master List (Web of Science) as emerging source citation index and in ICI (Poland). It is one of the 14 published journals from Pakistan in the Natural Sciences category. The PJAEC has sustained a rigorous review process and integrated with the HJRS system of the Pakistan Higher Education Commission under ‘Y’ category. I am thankful to HEC, Pakistan for establishing guidelines related to publishing science and providing partial funding. The funds obtained from HEC and other sources are effectively utilized and all the published papers are freely available to readers at [www.pjaec.pk](http://www.pjaec.pk).

We are proud of Journal’s numerous and respectable Editorial Board. PJEAC editorial board consists of 23 eminent scientists out of which 9 are National and 14 are International meritorious scientists from Poland, USA, Australia, Czech Republic, Turkey, Malaysia, Greece, Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia.

We are grateful to members of the Editorial Board for many years of cooperation and contribution in ensuring the quality of the Journal. Thanks goes to a large number of Reviewers for providing valuable comments and suggestions on the quality of submissions. Special thanks go to Contributors for selecting PJAEC to publish their research findings. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to you all. We look forward to our further successful scientific cooperation.

*Prof. Dr. Shahabuddin Memon,  
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National Centre of Excellence in analytical Chemistry,  
University of Sindh, Jamshoro-Pakistan*

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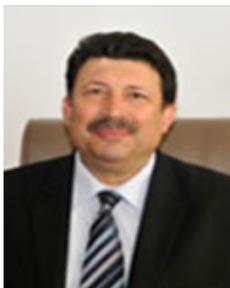
I am extremely delighted to see that the PJAEC has now completed almost its two decades of publications successfully and without any break. Ever since it was launched in 1999 the journal received considerable attention from the researchers, readers and the reviewers which made it possible to timely publish the journal issue. We started this journal with a vision to create a high-quality publication that should be relevant, interesting, innovative, and inclusive of a diverse range of papers in the most applied aspects of analytical and environmental chemistry. I am glad that the existing team of Editors continued and worked hard with the same spirit as a result the PJAEC stands in the 'Y' category of HEC Pakistan beside achieving the world standard of an Open Access journal and much more. I take this opportunity to appreciate the efforts of associated staff of the journal, authors and several anonymous reviewers, all of whom have volunteered to contribute to the success of this journal.

Through my message I would like to invite young and dynamic researchers in analytical and environmental chemistry to continue submitting their exciting research to the PJAEC so that it receives more citation and impact factor all over the world. I may suggest to Editors to offer Guest Edited special issues for this journal in order to support access and diversity in this narrowing specialized world of academic publication. I see a very bright future prospects for PJAEC to serve scientific community and the society even better.

I would like to once again acknowledge and congratulate Prof. Shahabuddin Memon, Prof. Najma Memon and all other sub Editors on this occasion and wish them a great success in future together with the PJAEC.

*Prof. Muhammad Iqbal Bhangar (Rtd)  
Former Editor-in-Chief of PJAEC  
Aezaz-e-Fazeelat, Pride of Performance,  
Editor-in-Chief, Journal Chemical Society of Pakistan*

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Many Congratulations to you and all the members of Faculty and Centre and the editorial board members for completing very effective 20 years of PJAEC that has very good and effective promoting role of in Analytical and Environmental Chemistry in society publication.

We believe that your hard work to improve the quality and to increase the readers of PJAEC through various reputed indexing agencies is highly appreciated. There are very few people can achieve like this success - to improve the quality and capacity of PJAEC through various reputed indexing agencies, you have done it as Editor of PJAEC, Congratulations to you and your colleagues ageing. It is a great honor for me to be in the Board of PJAEC. Thank you for including my name on the International Board list.

*Prof. Dr. Huseyin Kara,  
Department of Chemistry,  
Selcuk University, Konya, Turkey*



PJAEC has climbed up a steep ladder toward success which all initiatives in the field of scientific publishing have to pass, if Editors mean their responsibility serious enough, just as you (all editors throughout) did. May I congratulate you to the successful two terms of your leadership and I hope that your Successors will responsibly continue your appreciable and never-ending efforts towards the excellence. I am very pleased to hear that you decided to turn down multiple offers to commercialize your journal, which is a negative sign of our time with widespread groups of shamelessly greedy and predatory publishers looking all possible ways how to financially benefit from selfless and honest efforts of the scientists. As long as you are able to find financial sources to upkeep PJAEC without anybody else's assistance, please do not give up your independence as Editors and Publishers.

May I also acknowledge our contacts outside the scope of collaboration on PJAEC, although in the field of analytical chemistry also. I keep very fond memories of these contacts.

*Prof. Teresa Kowalska,  
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It has been already 20 years of a successful series of the Pakistan Journal of Analytical & Environmental Chemistry publications of high quality, under the auspices of the National Centre of Excellence in Analytical Chemistry, University of Sindh, Jamshoro. With submissions covering all analytical aspects, the journal ensures the impact of Analytical Chemistry to all fields of pure and applied analytical chemistry. Environmental science, agricultural chemistry, geochemistry, food chemistry, biotechnology, pharmaceutical and biomedical sciences are among the scientific fields that come into sight, promoting analytical science not only to the country of Pakistan but to a wide audience all over the world. Scientists from Czech Republic, Australia, Turkey, Bangladesh, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, U.S.A, Greece, India, Poland staff the International Advisory Board and broaden the number of readers. Dr. Najma Memon, from the National Centre of Excellence in Analytical Chemistry, University of Sindh, Jamshoro, Pakistan who has served as Editor has set an excellent route with the assistance of all member of Editorial Board.

The new editors, namely Dr Sarfraz Ahmed Mahesar and Dr Farah Naz Talpur are promising an even more successful course that will bring the prestigious journal to a higher level keeping all ethical standards set by the predecessor.

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Congratulations to the Editor-in- Chief and Editorial Members for 20 years of publications of Pakistan Journal of Analytical & Environmental Chemistry (PJAEC). My heart full thanks to the present Editors especially, Prof. Dr. Najma Memon for her sincere effort to improve the quality and reputation of the Journal by upholding ethics, keep its sustainable by maintaining its high academic quality under the Leadership of former Director, Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Bhangar and former Editor-in-Chief

Prof. A. W. K. Khanzada. Twenty years is a longtime in raising a Journal by having involvement in inviting papers, convincing people why they should contribute to this infant journal, checking the quality of manuscript, selecting dedicated reviewers, editing the manuscript and above all composing and designing. I am very happy that during this period Prof. Bhangar has organized a group of editorial young staffs who have really proved to be the backbone of the PJAEC. The task has been a pleasant and delightful experience. At that time Prof. Bhangar searching capable Scientists both home and abroad whose fields of interest were relevant to Analytical & Environmental Chemistry and inviting to publish their recent research findings including young scientist of NCEAC. He discovered me in **2003** through internet & organized an International Conference of “Pakistan-Bangladesh-Iran International Seminar on Analytical Sciences during 8-9 December, **2003**” for the welfare of the Journal. The Proceedings of that Seminar has been published in **2003**, 4(2), 72 -186. I am with the International Advisory Board of PJAC from **2004** –up-to-date. Later, the Journal's scope was broadened to also include research articles related to environmental chemistry and renamed as PJAEC in **2006**.

A further source of gratification is that the PJAEC has now achieved milestones with the hard work for years process Prof. Najma Memon. Last but not least I wish success to the new Editors (Dr Sarfraz Ahmed Mahesar and Dr Farah Naz Talpur) and believe they will elevate the Journal to higher levels of Impact Factors. I am very happy and honored to be a member of the editorial board of Pakistan Journal of Analytical & Environmental Chemistry. I will continue my support as a member of the editorial board and also as a reviewer of the PJAEC in future, Inshallah.

*Prof. Dr. M. Jamaluddin Ahmed  
Professor & Ex-Chairman, Selection Grade Professor  
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Chittagong-4331, BANGLADESH*

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I believe PJAEC is doing very good job in promoting the role of Analytical and Environmental Chemistry in Society.

*Prof. Dr. Khalid M. Khan  
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University of Karachi, Karachi-Pakistan*



PJAEC is an asset for people of Jamshoro. From learners to the researchers of high profile love this journal. In the journey of long 20 years, the journal has touched the horizon of the research in the fields of Analytical & Environmental Chemistry. I appreciate and acknowledge the efforts taken by the team for this successful journey of the journal.

*Prof. Dr. Syed Farman Ali Shah  
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Department of Chemical Engineering  
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I think PJAEC is doing very good job in promoting the role of analytical chemistry in society. With best regards and looking forward to further cooperation.

*Prof. Dr. Jiri Barek  
Professor  
Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic*



Congratulations for 20th years of publications of Pakistan Journal of Analytical & Environmental Chemistry. Thank you very much for your contribution to journal. I wish success to the new editors. I am very happy and honored to be a member of the editorial board of Pakistan Journal of Analytical & Environmental Chemistry.

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