

## New Forum for Innovative Research in Biomedicine and Biotechnology

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The advancement of human knowledge depends on the close interplay of its production and dissemination. The former needs the latter to flourish and the latter needs the former to exist. The creation of a new scientific journal is a contribution in the latter category.

Bringing out a new scientific journal from conception to life is an immense pleasure and a great achievement. In recent years, there has been a remarkable growth of knowledge in many areas of human endeavor and in the area of biological sciences, this growth has been truly phenomenal. For the first time in human history, we are witnessing the dawn of an era when we can understand life at the molecular level, and the consequences of this for the betterment of human life are almost limitless. This has spawned a new area of medicine called biomedicine and a new area of technology called biotechnology.

Recognizing the need for a medium to disseminate the rapidly growing knowledge in the areas of biomedicine and biotechnology has allowed me and my colleagues to found a journal to combine both of these areas in one. The product is the Journal of Biomedicine and Biotechnology (<http://jbb.hindawi.com>). Much dedicated effort went into the materialization of this idea into a product and it is to the credit of the extraordinary assistance and collaboration of the editorial board members including strong support of the Editors-In-Chief, continuous assistance from the advisory group, and regular and enjoyable collaboration with the associate editors and all other editors.

The new journal has begun its life in 2001 in both electronic and printed versions. It will certainly be a tough road ahead but I have no doubt that the journal will one day become an important disseminator of knowledge in biomedicine and biotechnology. After less than two years of publication, the articles of the Journal of Biomedicine and Biotechnology are now reviewed/indexed in BIOSIS, CAB ABSTRACTS, CAB HEALTH, Chemical Abstracts (CAS), e-psyche, and INSPEC. The Journal of Biomedicine and Biotechnology is also a PubMed and a PubMed Central journal.

Last but not least, I would like to acknowledge the important contribution of the editorial board members, and the outstanding contribution of a wonderful and highly professional publishing team.

**Abdelali Haoudi** received the PhD degree jointly from Pierre & Marie Curie and Orsay Universities, Paris, France in 1996 in molecular and cellular genetics. His PhD research focused on elucidating and establishing the spatio-temporal expression profiles of a mobile genetic element during the development. These studies on mobile genetic elements continued first as a Visiting Fellow at the National Institutes of Health after winning the competitive and the prestigious Fogarty International Award. While at the NIH, Dr Haoudi has been studying the role of genetic mobile elements, mainly retroelements, as a source of genetic instability leading to apoptosis in human cancer cells, and also investigating how mobile genetic elements can contribute to telomere elongation and genetic stability in *Drosophila*. Dr Haoudi then joined the faculty at Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk, Virginia in 2001, as an Assistant Professor of Microbiology and Molecular Cell Biology. He is also the Codirector of the Cancer Biology and Virology Focal group. He established the International Forum for Genomics and Proteomics gathering scientists involved in Genomics and Proteomics worldwide. He founded the Journal of Biomedicine and Biotechnology in 2001. He is a member of several scientific organizations and has received numerous scientific awards.



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