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EDITORIAL

The Editorial Board is happy to release Volume 10(1) of our reputable Journal. This volume is coming under a new Editorial Board and with some new features and framework which will improve the aesthetics of the Journal. The cover has been slightly beautified, including changing the University logo to the new design. This Volume comes with a lot of challenges: first the attention of the Editorial Board was diverted to the hosting of the *First International Conference of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology* (ICAAT), second, the incessant strike action of the *Academic Staff Union of Universities* (ASUU) has always disrupted the smooth operation of the Editorial Board. However, the Editorial Board is putting measures on ground that would ensure that this type of disruptions have minimal effect on the Journal. That is the reason why this volume is being released even during a major industrial action by ASUU.

The Editorial Board is also making frantic efforts to register the Journal with Journal Databases and cataloguing institutions in order to promote the readership of the Journal. Part of the reasons why it has not materialized is our inability to maintain constancy and currency. These are the key requirements of most databases. In that regard, I want to appeal to our contributing Authors to continue to send their papers at any time. The journal production is a circular and continuous process. As from Volume 11, as we prepare to join international institutions, the date of first submission, date of review and date of acceptance of each paper would be part of the metrics of the journal. We may also publish the names of reviewers along with the paper as a form of transparency and promoting integrity in research and publications.

Let me express our profound appreciation to our numerous reviews for sparing their valuable time and scarce resources to review papers for this Volume in a timely manner in spite of their tight schedules. We appeal that they will oblige us this same privilege whenever we approach them for the same favour. I will however appeal to our reviewers to be more critical with the papers since we are dealing with a global audience.

We are very thankful for the support of the Dean of the School, Prof. A. J. Odojin, the Board of the School and the elders of the School for their fatherly roles for all the support. We also express our profound appreciation to our Editorial advisers for their sense of commitment and dedication. We are also appreciative of the role the Vice Chancellor and other Principal Officers in providing the enabling environment in the University for quality Journal publishing.

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