

## ***Editorial***

There is a current global effort to promote industrial biotechnology as a central feature of the sustainable livelihoods in modern industrialized societies. Since there could be no modern biotechnology without molecular biology and the former is limited by the latter, the developed world is pumping billions of dollars towards basic research in molecular biology of organisms with view of harnessing their potential for their industries.

Researches in the fields of Biotechnology and molecular biology are on the fast lane and publications are jetting in due to furies of research activities. New frontiers are opening such as nanobiotechnology, plant biopharming, metagenomics, gene therapy, nutrigenomics, proteomics, microarray, metabolomics, stem cell research, novel vaccines, biotransformations, and whole organism biocatalysis and the horizons are still expanding.

With the sequencing of human genomes and some model organisms, a floodgate of research activities to link genotype with phenotype through genetic manipulations has started leading to great research activities in the fields of biotechnology and molecular biology. With DNA sequencing becoming cheaper and faster, and with the development of bioinformatic tools and more powerful computers for sequence analysis, I foresee rapid sequencing of more organisms and genetic manipulations for the benefit of mankind and towards better understanding of systems biology. The results of these research endeavors will definitely lead to enormous publications. Students and researchers in African, Asia and beyond need to keep abreast with these rapidly expanding fields by having free access to reviews of recent developments in these fields for their industrial growth.

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