

## Welcoming a New Editor

We are privileged to have Michael Abdalla, Ph.D. as a new editor to JAAS. Dr. Abdalla is an Assyrian native of Qamishli, Syria, presently a resident of Poznań, Poland. He is a lecturer, researcher and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Cereal Technology in the Institute of Food Technology of Plant Origin of the University of Agriculture. Dr. Abdalla, an ethnologist, is also a member in the Chair of Oriental Studies in the Faculty of Neophilology in the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań. To add to his expansive experience, he has participated in a number of international conferences where he contributed his specialized knowledge of Assyrian Culinary Traditions in various lectures. He is well-known and is almost a regular lecturer at Oxford University's Annual Symposium. Among his many talents, Dr. Abdalla is also a prolific writer who has published over one hundred articles in English, Polish and Arabic literary journals.

Moreover, he is currently publishing his book on Socio-Cultural Factors in Food Production and Culinary Traditions as noted in the Assyrian Community.

He is also co-author of a book published in Polish, dedicated to the study of various ethnic groups and their traditions, as one of the volumes of *Great Encyclopedia of World Geography*.

We look forward to Dr. Abdalla's active participation and editorial contributions, which we have every confidence that it will enhance the perspective of this journal.