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“Achievement seems impossible until it is accomplished.”
— Nelson Mandela

It gives me great pleasure to warmly welcome readers, contributors, and stakeholders to the Proceedings of the International Conference on Applied Zoology (icaz'26). This volume represents a collective scholarly effort shaped by rigorous research, thoughtful deliberations, and dedicated engagement with the diverse and evolving domains of applied zoological sciences. At the outset, I express my sincere gratitude to the Honorable Chief Convenor for entrusting me with the responsibility of serving as an Associate Editor for these proceedings. I am deeply thankful for the confidence reposed in me and extend my heartfelt appreciation to the Advisory Committee, Editorial Board, and Organizing Committee for their continued support and for bestowing upon me this valuable opportunity to contribute to an international academic initiative of such significance.

The International Conference on Applied Zoology (icaz'26) was envisioned as a dynamic platform bridging classical zoology with contemporary, solution-oriented approaches to address pressing global and regional challenges. The abstracts compiled in this volume reflect an impressive thematic diversity, encompassing biodiversity conservation, wildlife biology, ecology and ecosystem services, fisheries and aquaculture, entomology, pest management, environmental toxicology, climate change, molecular and genetic tools, animal behaviour, and emerging innovations in applied zoological research. This breadth highlights the multidimensional nature of zoology and its critical role in advancing sustainability, food security, environmental health, and conservation.

My experience as an Associate Editor throughout the editorial process has been both intellectually enriching and professionally rewarding. Reviewing contributions from varied sub-disciplines offered valuable insights into interdisciplinary research trends and enhanced my editorial perspective. The collaborative efforts involved in manuscript screening, refinement, and coordination reaffirmed the importance of collective scientific endeavour.

I sincerely thank all authors for their meaningful contributions and the reviewers and editorial colleagues for their academic rigor and timely support, which ensured the quality of these proceedings. I am confident that this volume will serve as a valuable reference and inspire continued research, collaboration, and innovation in applied zoological sciences.

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