

## Preface

**SEODA Journal of Aromatic and Medicinal Plants (SJAMP)** is a publication of Society of Essential Oils Distillers and Analysts (SEODA) birthed in 2025. The online journal focusses on rapid publication of quality manuscripts that conform with journal requirements accessible at <https://journal.seoda.org/>

SEODA, is registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission of Nigeria (Reg. No. 173237) as a forum of scientists (including postgraduate students) devoted to researches in various aspects of essential oils (EO) and plant solvent extracts including chromatographic analyses, chemistry, EO applications, perfumery, cultivation of essential oil-bearing plants, toxicity and pharmacological activities of essential oils and plant extracts. The first publication of SEODA was the 146-paged “Compendium of Abstracts on Essential Oils Research” in 2021. Three hundred and thirty-three (333) abstracts on 309 plants from 217 genera in 69 families were documented. The Association has held seven Annual General Meetings, and some virtual meetings since inception to chart the way forward in EO research in Nigeria and invite external collaborations.

Founded in 2019, SEODA now boasts of 91 members drawn from the academia and industries in Nigeria, and the Association is managed by a 6-member Executive chaired by Professor Sherifat Aboaba. In appreciation of the immense role of the founding father of EO research in Nigeria, the first SEODA Fellowship was conferred on Professor Olusegun Ekundayo in March, 2025. This first edition is also dedicated to him to commemorate his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**SJAMP** was established as a second publication of SEODA in 2025. It is the only known essential oil journal in Nigeria and Africa. It has a 15-member Editorial Board comprising experts in EO research selected from Nigerian and foreign institutions. The maiden issue (volume 1, issue 1) is being published with six peer-reviewed articles. The Editorial Board members and peer reviewers are highly commended for their painstaking efforts in recommending those six articles out of the thirteen manuscripts initially submitted to the Journal for acceptance. This underscores the quality drive of SEODA in publishing articles that meet international standards. As readers and authors peruse this maiden journal issue, their comments and suggestions will be treated confidentially for the overall improvement on subsequent issues. Furthermore, **SJAMP** regularly invites and is inviting quality manuscripts within the scope of the journal for future publication.

I wish the wide array of readers out there a great read!

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