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AAP Editor and Author Dr. Mohammed Wasim Siddiqui to Lead the World Food Preservation Center, USA

Apple Academic Press author and editor Professor Mohammed Wasim Siddiqui, of Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour, India, has been appointed Executive Director of the World Food Preservation Center® LLC, USA, which is dedicated to reduction of postharvest food loss and wastage. Apple Academic Press congratulates Dr. Siddiqui on this prestigious appointment.

In this new role, Dr. Siddiqui directs the planning, development, and the implementation of plans within the organization. Dr. Siddiqui will also originate and promote existing initiatives of the sister universities and institutes of the World Food Preservation Center® LLC.

The World Food Preservation Center was established in 2015 by Prof. Charles L. Wilson in the West Virginia state of USA. The World Food Preservation Center® LLC is a collaborative partnership of 28 major agricultural research universities and three agriculture institutes on six continents that work together to combat postharvest losses of food. The Food Preservation Revolution™ in the world has been started by this center to curtail the postharvest food losses, especially in the developing world.

According to Professor Siddiqui, “The world is facing a food shortage crisis because of rapidly deteriorating agricultural environment and exploding world population. According to the FAO and the World Bank, one third of the food that we already produce is lost before it would be consumed—enough food to feed 2 billion people. The mission of the World Food Preservation Center LLC that I will be leading is to substantially and sustainably reduce these postharvest food losses, especially in developing countries.”

Dr. Siddiqui is especially qualified to take on the challenging role of Executive Director, having written and edited numerous books and papers on postharvest technology.

About Dr. Mohammed Wasim Siddiqui



Dr. Mohammed Wasim Siddiqui is an established postharvest researcher, academic, and editor. Presently, he is working as an Assistant Professor cum Scientist at Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour, Bihar, India. Dr. Siddiqui is listed on the Top 2 % Researchers of the World list as ranked by Stanford University for two continuous years (2021 and 2022). He has been an Ambassador of the World Food Preservation Center, USA, since 2017, and has now been appointed as Executive Director. Dr. Siddiqui also served at the Postharvest Education Foundation of America as a member of the Board of Directors in 2019. He is the founding editor of two book series published by world-renowned American presses (*Postharvest Biology and*

Technology and Innovations in Horticultural Science, published by Apple Academic Press/CRC Press). He is the founding Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Postharvest Technology*. He has also several high repute journals in different editorial capacities. Dr. Siddiqui has received numerous fellowships for his contribution in postharvest areas. He has delivered several invited talks in different national and international scientific gatherings. He has received several awards and recognitions for his outstanding contributions in research and teaching from several organizations of national and international repute. He has authored/co-authored over 75 scientific articles and more than 25 books published by international presses. He has more than 3600 citations, 31 and 64, h and i10 index, respectively.

The World Food Preservation Center at a Glance



The World Food Preservation Center is dedicated to postharvest food loss reduction and has launched a worldwide Food Preservation Revolution. The World Food Preservation Center is currently comprised of 28 leading agricultural research universities and three major agricultural research institutes on six continents. The World Food Preservation Centre® has signed memorandums of understanding (MoUs) with its partner universities and institutions. These MoUs convey a mutual desire between the World Food Preservation Centre® and partner universities and institutions to ensure that young students and students in developing countries can be educated. These generated experts also research new postharvest technologies much needed for their country. The World Food Preservation Center serves as a worldwide communication center for postharvest scientists in developed and developing countries.

What is food preservation revolution?

Studies by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Bank conclude that a third of the food produced worldwide is lost between the time of harvesting and consumption. Developing countries often lose more than 50% of their harvested crop before consuming it. Reducing post-harvest losses is being considered as one of the sustainable ways to ensure world food security. About 30 per cent of the total fruits and vegetables produced in India become unfit for consumption due to post-harvest spoilage as they are highly perishable commodities.

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