

From the Editor

I am pleased and humbled to have been appointed new Editor of the *Macedonian Journal of Chemistry and Chemical Technology*; the seventh in its 35 years of existence. My association with MJCCE, has been about twenty years as a member of its second editorial board.

On this occasion I would like to thank all previous Editors as well as all members of the editorial boards who have succeeded at exceptionally challenging times for science in Macedonia, to stubbornly advance the quality of this journal. Also, special gratitude to all members of the Advisory and International boards who have also voluntarily contributed their time and effort in approaching this goal. Not least, a deep appreciation to the Institute of Chemistry, the Faculty of Sciences and Mathematics and the Faculty of Technology and Metallurgy from the SS “Cyril and Methodius” University for the incessant financial support.

Our goal is to continue with the established policies developed by prior Editors while trying to raise the quality, reputation and visibility of MJCCE even further. The publication processes, including the scientific journals, are on a revolutionary crossroad which is challenging the very existence of printed periodicals. However, one road is inevitable – no publication can exist without having an electronic edition available on the Internet. MJCCE has timely followed this path and all its issues have been digitized and have a comfortable home on the web. We have already moved to a solely e-mail submission of manuscripts and communication with the authors, and the reviewing process is also done electronically. We hope we will be able to take this process a step further and make it web based so the authors, editors and reviewers will be able to track the whole publication process at every stage but also assign digital object identifiers for persistent identification of the articles on the digital network. Furthermore, we expect this will relieve the editorial board of the administrative burden and shorten the time from submission of a manuscript to its publication, with a vision of ultimately increasing the quality of the articles, the number of annual issues of MJCCE and be prepared for the future semantic web services.

We hope you will all follow us on this challenging path.

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