

Dear authors and readers,

It has been a demanding and exciting period of transitions for the *Macedonian Journal of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering*.

As many of you have noticed, our web page has changed since March this year. We apologize for the short interruption while we upgraded to the latest **3.3 version of the Open Journal System (OJS)**, a significant improvement over the previous 2.4 version. This new version has a streamlined editorial workflow, but it is also beneficial for the authors, who we hope will find it more user-friendly. We have kept all previous issues and upgraded them to the new database. We have been using OJS since 2012. Launched 20 years ago, this open system is the most widely used open-source journal publishing platform, with over 25,000 journals worldwide.

After many deliberations, we have decided to use the **hosting services of Public Knowledge Project**, the publisher of OJS, instead of hosting the journal on our own server. This will give the journal a more stable and secure environment since all software updates and security patches will be implemented as soon as they are available.

At this stage, after numerous suggestions from the authors, we have decided to change the way the references are cited. As researchers are increasingly using reference managers, it is only natural to choose a **citation style** integrated with well-established software packages. We have decided on the *Accounts of Chemical Research* reference style from the American Chemical Society, which is embedded in these managers. Again, we apologize to the authors who have submitted their manuscripts in the older style and now have to change to the new one.

Finally, to acknowledge their mother institution and to express appreciation for the material and other support, the **Society of Chemists and Technologists of Macedonia** has decided to publish the journal jointly with the **Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje**. This university is the Alma mater of our initial Editorial Board members and all present domestic editors. Consequently, this was a natural decision for all of us. This, in turn, will guarantee that we will continue to be a **diamond open-access journal**. In other words, it will be free of any fees for the authors and the readers without sacrificing the high standards of hosting, English editing, and other technical and publishing requirements. We are quite proud that the *Macedonian Journal of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering*, in that respect, is a rare journal in the world of scientific publishing.

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