

Dear Readers,

The journey of the *Macedonian Journal of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering* (MJCCE) reflects a profound evolution in scientific publishing practices, mirroring broader shifts in scholarly communication globally. From its inception as the *Bulletin of the Chemists and Technologists of Macedonia*, merging the scientific publications of the Institute of Chemistry, Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and the Faculty of Technology and Metallurgy under the stewardship of Bojan Šoptrajanov, it followed the established policies of *Documenta Chemica Yugoslavica*. In order to embrace a wider readership, it was published in multiple languages to accommodate diverse readers, as was customary for other learned society journals in our country.



Fig. 1. Cover of the first issue of the *Гласник на хемичариите и технолозиите на Македонија / Bulletin of the Chemists and Technologists of Macedonia*

A decade later, along the lines of other non-English scientific periodicals, our journal demonstrated a commitment to enhancing accessibility and visibility on the international stage and started publishing exclusively in English, with a title, abstract and keywords in Macedonian.

The embrace of electronic publishing and open access in 2006 signifies a forward-looking approach, aligning with contemporary trends in academic publishing and ensuring broader dissemination of research findings. By seeking inclusion in prestigious indexing databases like Web of Science, the journal further solidified its standing within the scientific community, enhancing its discoverability and influence. This was also the year the name was changed to its present title.

Another milestone in scholarly publications in general was the development of specific electronic management software, which streamlined the submission, review, publication, distribution and indexing processes. In 2012 MJCCE, despite some reservations, adopted the Open Journal System, an open source publishing platform which is now used by more than 30 000 journals. The change had an additional advantage that the members of the editorial board could work remotely from anywhere with an internet connection. This new publishing paradigm led to the development of digital object identifiers and digital archival systems, which ensured the safety of the publications in this new medium. MJCCE closely followed all these innovations

and will continue to do so in order to guarantee the tracking and preservation of the published material.

This Golden Jubilee celebration of the *Macedonian Journal of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering* is not merely a commemoration of past achievements but also a testament to the journal's enduring commitment to excellence and its dedication to advancing scientific knowledge. Throughout its illustrious history, the journal has maintained rigorous editorial standards, ensuring the publication of high-quality research that contributes to the advancement of the field.

The continuity and accomplishments would not have been possible without the people behind them. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the previous editors-in-chief: Bojan Šoptrajanov, Svetomir Hadži Jordanov, Gligor Jovanovski, Maja Cvetkovska, Trajče Stafilov and Eleonora Winkelhausen. We are proud to stress the fact that all of them, on a purely voluntary basis, have led and improved the quality of the journal, even during the very troubled times our country was going through in the past decades. Our deepest appreciation goes also to the many members of the editorial boards who have devoted their time and knowledge to processing and improving the submitted articles through the publishing process. Our earnest thanks go to the numerous reviewers who have also provided their knowledge to the betterment of the published articles. Last but not least, we praise the many supporters and sponsors who have also been vital to the life of the journal in the past 50 years.

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Editor-in-chief