

Dear Readers,

At the end of last year the final steps were undertaken and from the beginning of 2013 the *Macedonian Journal of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering* was completely transferred to a new server and Open System Journal (OJS) platform. All authors appearing in this issue are already familiar with the submission process which was in the testing phase for one year. Some of the transitions were not seamless and I would like to thank all authors, editors and reviewers for the patience and also thank all others who helped in this vital change in this new online editorial management system of MJCCE. We still encounter some problems out of our control. For example, some of the messages we send or receive automatically go to spam folders and for that reason we urge all users to periodically check their spam folders for misplaced messages. Another problem faced by all web sites is hackers' attacks; we experienced such attacks with our previous site which was disabled for more than a month, and prompted us to speed up the transition to our new server and platform.

The OJS platform has rationalized the processing of the manuscripts and we hope we will be able to shorten the time to reach a decision. However, the new platform does not solve a problem we believe all journals face: finding qualified reviewers willing to do the reviews. As all authors are aware we do ask them to suggest three competent reviewers but many of them unfortunately suggest reviewers who are unacceptable for various reasons: some come from the same institutions as the authors or have apparent conflict of interests, have no publications or have publications in totally different areas of research. This only slows down or even completely brings to a standstill the processing of the submitted manuscripts. Consequently, we again urge all authors to help the editors in finding competent reviewers by suggesting more appropriate reviewers for their manuscripts.

We hope to continue improving our cherished *Journal* and hope, with your help, to broaden its influence.

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