

EDITORIAL



AN OVERVIEW OF 2010

The year just passed was a full one for the team of *Scientific Study & Research – Chemistry & Chemical Engineering, Biotechnology, Food Industry*. Several important events marked up the 365 days elapsed till December 31st 2010.

First of all was the preparation of the anniversary issue that marked a decade of existence of the journal. That issue (Vol. 11 no. 1) brought together eight review papers from the most important fields covered in the journal: chemistry, food science and engineering, biotechnology and chemical process engineering. The papers included in the anniversary issue were written by internationally recognized experts in their fields that also have been involved, in various ways, in editing, publishing, proof-reading, reviewing the papers published in our journal over the years. Once again, I would like to thank them for the efforts (most of them remaining behind the curtains) done in sustaining this publication.

Secondly, important changes have been made in the internal organization of the editorial team. As more and more papers are directed to the Editorial Office, the old structure with only two executive editors has been overwhelmed, so an improved network of six senior editors, able to handle specific topics covered by the journal, has been implemented in the summer of 2010. The team was completed with a production editor and a web editor that took over the technical aspects of manuscripts processing.

Thirdly, we improved the international coverage, by registering the journal in two new international databases. From September 2010 we are officially an *open access journal* by joining the *Directory of Open Access Journals* (<http://www.doaj.org>) of the University of Lund, Sweden. All issues starting with volume 11, no. 1, 2010 can be accessed through the webpage <http://www.doaj.org/doaj?func=openurl&issn=1582540X&genre=journal>. Also, in December 2010 we joined *Index Copernicus*, an international database that covers over 2,500 peer-reviewed journals from all over the world. You can find us there at http://journals.indexcopernicus.com/search_journal.php. In only 45 days we had 77 unique visitors on the journal's webpage and 335 unique hits for our abstracts (Figure 1). These two freely accessible databases add to the *Chemical Abstracts*, *CSA* and *VINITI*, where our journal has been indexed since 2001. Unlike *Chemical Abstracts* or *CSA* that are paid services, *DOAJ* and *Index Copernicus* are freely accessible, using an English language interface, more accessible than the Russian language interface of *VINITI*.

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 France	1
 Germany	1
 Ireland	1
 Moldova, Republic of	2
 Mongolia	5
 Poland	1
 Romania	51
 Switzerland	1
 Turkey	1
 United States	12

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Visits on journal abstracts in IC™ Journal Master List by country 335

 Algeria	1
 France	1
 Morocco	2
 Romania	87
 United States	244

Figure 1. Unique visitors for St. Cerc. St. CICBIA at Index Copernicus database during December 7, 2010 – January 20, 2011

Fourth, in order to improve the workflow of editing and publishing, the new Editorial Board decided to do some changes in the peer-reviewing process. Two of them are of major importance: (i) the introduction of the Cover Letter that should be submitted together with the initial manuscript, and (ii) the shrinking of the due time for a manuscript to be modified or improved from 30 to 15 days. Under these circumstances we could increase the number of published papers from 10 per issue to at least 15 per issue, and reducing the waiting time for a manuscript to be published.

Last but not least, a new design of the pages has been adopted. We have created more “science-y” headers and footers and also we have standardized the content of the first page that now contains only title, authors and their affiliation, contact data for the corresponding author, priority dates, abstract and keywords.



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