

PREFACE

Dear readers,

Time is flying, and we approach the end of the year 2020. This year has been one of the most challenging times we have ever faced, both as individuals and as a research community. However, this year has also brought many positive research developments, which resulted in good quality papers. We will overcome the Covid-19 related challenges and will become stronger than before.

In this challenging year, a new issue of the Mongolian Journal of Chemistry was just released. This issue consists of papers from a different field of Chemical sciences. These papers included research on cheap adsorbents, biological active elements from natural sources etc.

This year we have received manuscripts, which is 2 times more than before. The authors' geographical distribution was also very different. Authors from 11 countries were submitted their precious work for publication consideration in the Mongolian Journal of Chemistry. All papers were subject to rigorous review and edition.

There has also been some change in our Editorial board. Professor Robert J. O'Reilly, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan, and Dr. Altansukh, Institute of Chemistry and Chemical Technology, Mongolian Academy of Sciences have joined to our Editorial board. Professor O'Reilly has received Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Chemistry from the University of Sydney, Australia and experienced scientist in medicinal and biological chemistry and actively engaged in reviewing papers submitted to MJC. Dr. Altansukh has received his PhD from the Akita University of Japan and conducting research in the minerals processing field. Welcome on board! With this opportunity, I also wish to mention Professor Zang Guolin from the Chengdu Institute of Biology, CAS, who has been a very active board member of the MJC and conducted detailed reviews within a short time. With such board members' help, this issue was possible.

In 2019, when Mongolian Journal of Chemistry was included in the Scopus database, we were pleased to see our hard work results. This year the first time we received Our journal's CiteScore between 2017-2019, which was 0.3. This year's CiteScore is going to improve substantially and we expect it will be around 1.0. It displays our author's excellent work for their outstanding research. In 2019 we applied Mong J Chem for inclusion Web of Science's Emerging Sources Citation Index platform. We hope that journal will be included in the Web of Sciences journal family in 2021.

Now I wish to thank all reviewers, readers, and authors for their support of our journal. Our thanks also extend to the Mongolian Academy of Sciences' Board, which provided us with a grant for improving hardware and software for the journal's edition and production. Finally, I'd like to thank my fellow Editors, Drs. S. Enkhtuul and N. Erdenechimeg for their invaluable help to run this journal.

With best wishes,

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