

PREFACE

Dear Friends, Colleagues, and Readers,

One year has passed since the last issue and we are ready to present a new issue of the Mongolian Journal of Chemistry for 2021. Although we are still facing challenging and complex problems related to Covid-19, the world's scientific community is performing its duty harder to overcome resources shortages, cancellation of scientific meetings, and universities and research laboratories being locked down in many countries. Good quality drafts submitted to our Journal reflect this tendency. In the Mongolian Journal of Chemistry's new issue, seven papers have been published with authors from Mongolia, China, Vietnam, Nepal, Turkey, and Denmark. I think it indicates an increased interest in our Journal. This year, we have received as many good submissions as last year for consideration. The acceptance rate of the Journal is about 35% at present. Like before, all papers were subject to rigorous review and edition.

This year we welcome two new members to our Editorial board. Professor Weifu Sun from the Beijing Institute of Technology, China, and Professor Narantuya Samdan, a former head of the traditional medicine branch of the World Health Organization. Welcome on board, and we expect a fruitful collaboration with you.

This year, we have also introduced our first online platform with drafts accepted in the Journal receiving DOI numbers allowing them to become fully citeable within a short time. From this year, we plan to introduce a section containing Letters to the Editor (Open discussion) to attract unusual and new scientific results submission and debate within the scientific community. I hope it will be an attractive place to publish breakthrough results.

Now, I'd like to show some numbers to indicate the achievements of the Mongolian Journal of Chemistry. In the past year, over 40000 copies of the Journal's papers were downloaded. Our Journal's CiteScore has steadily increased from 0.3 in 2017-2019, to 0.9 in 2020, and a very healthy 1.4 in 2021. Indeed, we expect a significant increase in CiteScore rank and percentile this year.

The history of the Mongolian Journal of Chemistry started in 1963, two years after the Mongolian Academy of Sciences was established. We have just celebrated 60 years of setting the Mongolian Academy of Sciences this year. Mongols call the 60 years one era. Within this era and with the rapidly accelerating development of Mongolian science and technology, the Mongolian Journal of Chemistry became only the scientific Journal listed in the Scopus database from Mongolia. The history of the Mongolian Journal of Chemistry exemplifies the possible improvement of scientific publications in underdeveloped scientific environments by a combination of strong editorship and the reviewers' hard work in raising the quality of the published articles. Now I wish to thank all authors, reviewers, and readers for their support of our Journal by sending their valuable work, by reviewing and reading to use in their research. I invite more papers from scientific communities.

Finally, same as before, I'd like to thank my fellow editors (Drs. S.Enkhtuul and N.Erdenechimeg) and technical editors (Mr. B.Davaabal and Mr. E.Munkhbat) for their tireless work to run this Journal.

With best regards,

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