

PREFACE

Dear Colleagues,

Now it is December and it has been 1 year since the last complete issue of the Mongolian Journal of Chemistry. We, the Editorial committee, have had a very productive year in 2019.

Our journal has been listed in the Elsevier Scopus database, becoming the only scientific journal from Mongolia listed to this database. We have also applied for inclusion into the Emerging Sources Citation Index platform of the Web of Science database. Moreover, our journal has been granted 2 stars by the Journal Publishing and Practices Standards (JPPS). On the journal page you can now see the list of databases in which our journal has been listed. In 2019 the papers published in Mongolian Journal of Chemistry have received 29 citations, 65% more than 2018.

To further increase the reputation and standing of the journal we have started to use Crossref Similarity Check by iThenticate in order to avoid plagiarism, multiple submission and to improve the quality of the papers from this year. To indicate how far the journal has progressed, I'd like to share the history of our journal from its founding in 1963 as Scientific Reports of the Institute of Natural Sciences. Shortly after, it was re-named as Scientific Reports of the Institute of Physics-Chemistry due to changes in the structure of the Academy of Science. From 1970 it was published as Scientific Reports (Institute of Chemistry) with papers published in Mongolian and Russian languages. In 1995 the title had again changed to Reports of the Chemistry Institute and the first papers published in English. Further changes to Reports of the Institute of Chemistry and Chemical Technology and Annual Scientific Reports were then made. The year 2010 should be considered as one of the important points for our journal's history with two young academics who graduated abroad, D.Khasbaatar (now with National University of Mongolia) and S.Enkhtuul (Institute of Chemistry and Chemical Technology), proposed renaming to Mongolian Journal of Chemistry and make it an internationally singleblindreview peer reviewed journal with papers only in English. In 2011 the journal obtained the ISSN number 2226-6739.

Since 2014, the editorial board have collaborated with the Mongolian Libraries Consortium and joined the Journals Online project of the INASP (International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications). This ensured that papers published in our journal received DOI numbers and been listed in Google Scholar. These developments gave us considerable encouragement in our belief that we are progressing along the correct road. Today, I also wish to express my sincere thanks to Mr. L.Gantulga and academician T.Galbaatar who are the local team of the Mongolia Journals Online platform for their continuing support.

In 2015 we expanded our Editorial team, added an International Editorial Board and implemented double blind review practice to continue along the pathway to a journal of the highest international editorial standards.

This year's issue comprised 5 diverse papers covering topics from characterising a novel spinel, to porous materials made from Mongolian coal and phytochemicals and antioxidative study on Mongolian plants. I believe that you will find novel and useful information from the published papers.

Finally, I would like to also express my thanks to my fellow Editors Drs. Namjil Erdenechimeg and Surenjav Enkhtuul who have worked with me as the team for many years, for their tireless hard work to achieve the present status. My thanks are also addressed to all of the many people who have contributed to the development of our journal's reputation including the Editorial Board members, reviewers, authors and readers.

With best wishes,

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