

As former editor of Chemical Industry I had opportunity few times in the period 1994-2005 to use Editorial page for informing our subscribers on special events or to direct their attention on some activity which has been realized in that period. Of course, the celebration is very often related to some special moments, as for example the end of calendar year and very successful results in the research work or business, or to some anniversary....At the end of 2004 we had a pleasure for celebrating 10 anniversary of Chemical Industry Journal (the 4 issues of Hemijska Industrija published in English every year from 2000, www.ache.org.yu). During the period 1995-2004 a total number of 32 issues of Chemical Industry were published, and from January 2005 under the name Chemical Industry and Chemical Engineering Quarterly as independent scientific journal 8 issues were already published. Our subscribers, authors and many researcher around the World have free access to the CICEQ using our web presentation (www.ache.org.yu/ciceq). Below is my editorial which had prepared for the first issue of CICEQ published in issue January-March 2005 (Vol 11).

The first five years: 1994-1999

In 1994 we decided to annually publish two issues of Hemijska industrija on English. It was actually the moment when Chemical Industry Journal started as the supplement of Hemijska industrija. The praxis of publishing two issues annually of the Chemical Industry was to the end of 1999. In that period, 11 issues with about 7 research articles and review papers per issue where 30% of them were prepared by the authors who are not from Serbia and Montenegro. The first 5 years of Chemical Industry might be generally signed as a period of checking ability of scientific research community for supporting idea from 1994 for publishing articles on English language. Several advantages of such decision might be underlined: enabling the better communication with interested readers and associates from other countries as well as the possibility for exchange Chemical Industry with journals of similar orientation which were published abroad. Publication of different scientific papers which were coming from abroad was the first and important step for getting better impact factor for Chemical Industry Journals.

The second five years: 2000-2004

The 2000 year was the beginning of realization the new concept of Chemical Industry: 4 issues per year, namely number 3, 6, 9 and 12 of Hemijska industrija were reserved for its supplement, i.e. to Chemical Industry. In the last five year, total 20 issues were published, and 32 from December 1994. More than 8 papers per one issue were published in the period 2000-2004 with 56% of authors coming abroad. Such good result is a consequence of publishing some special number of Chemical Industry. They covered problem of substantial energy and future trends in application hydrogen as the main source for energy in 21 Century, the biochemical research and activity of COST 840 and its meeting held in Belgrade (June 2004). Editorial Board will be also oriented in the future on such activity and follow all good idea and joint research.

Our future: CI&CEQ from 2005

At the end of its 2nd period of 5 years life of Chemical Industry Journal (CIJ) we are again ready for making important decision. Namely, CIJ will not be any more supplement of Hemijska industrija and from 2005 it will start to be published as Chemical Industry& Chemical Engineering Quarterly (CI&CEQ) and in 2005 as 11th volume. The following action is planned for changing this policy: the expansion of existing Editorial Board and definition of several co-editors who will be responsible for specific topics. Furthermore, complete publishing in English language will cover only the original research articles and review papers, but also possibility for publishing notes and other comments.

This is generally the plan of our activities in 2005, and its realization mainly depends on support and contribution of many scientific researcher from Serbia and Montenegro and abroad. The quality of papers, the reviewers comment and editorial activity are the most important for making international status of this and other journals published by Association of Chemical Engineers. We are looking forward seeing the CI&CEQ on the ISI expanded list and for sure at our web page (www.ache.org.yu).

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