

Editorial: CI&CEQ



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During the last 11 years, from time to time, there were moments for the editor to use his privilege and inform subscribers on special events or to attract their attention to some activity, which will be major importance in the near or far future. Celebration is very often a reason for preparing an editorial, such as for example the summation of financial performance, as well as the results in research work at the end of the calendar year or the editorial might be related to some anniversary?.

At the end of this year we have the great pleasure to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the publication of the first issue of the Chemical Industry Journal, and this will be the last issue in 2004!

The future of this journal is the topic of this editorial. Thus, I shall start this editorial with a similar one prepared and published in Vol. 48, No 12 of Hemijska industrija in the previous Century. Ten years ago we decided to start with the annual publication of two issues of Hemijska industrija in English. That was the date when the Chemical Industry Journal was created as a supplement of Hemijska industrija and soon after that the English version of the journal obtained a different ISSN number and the International Editorial Board of Chemical Industry was completed. The practice of publishing two issues annually was realized by the end of 1999 and during the first 5 years, 11 issues with about 7 research articles and review papers per issue were published. About 30% of them were prepared by authors from abroad.

The period from 1994 to the end of 1999 might be generally designated as a period that determined the ability of the scientific community and their support of our idea to create a journal in English oriented mainly toward chemical engineering topics. Several advantages of such a decision might be underlined: such a policy enabled the better communication of Chemical Industry than Hemijska industrija with interested readers and associates from other countries and enabled the broader exchange of Chemical Industry with journals of similar orientation published abroad. The publication of scientific papers originating from abroad was the first and important step for achieving a better impact factor for the Chemical Industry Journals. However, undesirable events at the end of the 90's slowed down our first decision from 1994 to publish Chemical Industry quarterly or bimonthly.

The realization of such a policy was started in 2000 when for the first time 4 issues of Chemical Industry

were published. Actually, following the practice from 1994, the Chemical Industry J. was designated by 3, 6, 9 and 12 and it was actually a supplement of Hemijska industrija. In the period 2000-2004, which can be defined as the second 5-year period, 20 issues were published, and this one is the 32nd from December 1994. In the last 5 years, around 8 papers per one issue were prepared and 56% of them originated from abroad. During that period several special issues of Chemical Industry covered different current topics such as the problem of sustainable energy and future trends in the application of hydrogen as the main energy source in the 21st century, the biochemical research and activity of COST 840 and its meeting held in Belgrade (June 2004). The Editorial Board will be also oriented in the future toward such activity and follow all stimulating ideas and cover joint research projects, international congresses and special symposia and conferences.

Now, we are pleased to announce that the celebration of the 10th anniversary of Chemical Industry at the end of its second 5 year period is the date from which this journal will no longer be the supplement of Hemijska industrija. Namely, starting from next year it will appear as Chemical Industry and Chemical Engineering Quarterly (CI&CEQ) and following the tradition of the former journal it will start as its 11th volume. The following activities are also planned: expansion of the international editorial board and the nomination of several co-editors who will be responsible for specific topics planned to be the main interest of CI&CEQ in the future such as e.g. chemical and biochemical engineering, catalysis, sustainable technology, renewable energy, new materials. CI&CEQ will cover only original research articles and review papers, but there will also be possibilities for publishing notes and other comments. With the new design of this journal it will not contain other information in Serbian, which was the practice in Chemical Industry till now. At the same time, the Association of Chemical Engineers will continue publishing Hemijska industrija as well as 2 issues per year of Plastics and Rubber (in Serbian *Plastika i Guma*).

This is our contribution to the 10th anniversary of Chemical Industry and the plan of our activities in the coming years. Its realization mainly depends on the support and contribution of scientific researchers from Serbia and Montenegro and abroad. A future important meeting is the 1st South East European Congress of Chemical Engineering in Belgrade (September 25-28, 2005) and it will be the right moment for the promotion of CI&CEQ. We expect this event to be an occasion for the presentation of results of research activities of scientists in surrounding countries, which might, after reviewing, be published in CI&CEQ.

Finally, I would like to thank to all the past and present authors who prepared different articles for Chemical Industry Journal and to point out that this editorial is also an invitation for all scientists and researchers to send their original results to CI&CEQ in the future. The quality of the papers, the reviewers' comments and editorial activities are crucial for the achievement of the international status of this and other journals published by the Association of Chemical Engineers. We are looking forward seeing the CI&CEQ on the ISI Expanded list in the near future and are certain that it will appear on our web page (www.ache.org.yu).