

Dear authors, readers, and reviewers of *Acta Chimica Slovenica*

Thank you for all your contributions to the journal *Acta Chimica Slovenica* (ACSi). In this editorial, I would like to share with you what is new in our journal as well as highlight the activities of the Editorial Board in the past two years.

One of the main accomplishments of the Editorial Board is related to obtaining the seal of the *Directory of Open Access Journals* (the so-called DOAJ Seal; see <https://doaj.org/toc/1580-3155>). This seal is awarded to journals that adhere to best practices in open access publishing. ACSi is a Platinum Open Access Journal, as it enables readers permanent and free access to published scientific works with no publication fees for authors. Importantly, authors retain copyright of their work that may be shared and reused, provided that it is correctly cited. All articles in ACSi are published under the most flexible reuse standard, the Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY) license. Our journal thus fulfills the conditions of the “National strategy of open access to scientific publications and research data in Slovenia 2015–2020”. In addition to the ACSi Editorial Board, the staff of the Central Technical Library of the University of Ljubljana (Mrs. Maja Vihar and Mr. Mitja Vovk Iskrič) participated in the efforts to obtain the DOAJ Seal. Together, we have also upgraded the journal website with additional bibliographic information in hopes that all the necessary information is now available. Nevertheless, we invite your suggestions on how to further enhance the visibility of our journal.

The Editorial Board would especially like to thank the authors of Feature and Review Articles who were willing to share the results of their work with the readership of our journal. We have made nice progress in the publication of our new category of Feature Articles. In the past two years, we have published five Feature Articles from various fields (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Chemical and Biochemical Engineering, Material Science, and Physical Chemistry), three Review Articles from various fields (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Physical Chemistry, and Analytical Chemistry), and more such articles are in progress. We invite you to read these contributions (<https://acta.chem-soc.si/feature-and-review-articles/>) as well as other papers published in ACSi. Although Feature

and Review Articles are usually invited contributions, authors are encouraged to send their own proposals, which shall be assessed by the Editorial Board.

The top priority of the Editorial Board is to ensure that papers published in ACSi are subject to rigorous, fair, and critical peer review, as this leads to high-quality publications. We strongly encourage authors and reviewers to adopt a very conscientious approach in their work, as both our editors and authors strive for our journal to have a significant impact in the field of general chemistry in which competition is very high. One critical aspect in this regard is the language quality of manuscripts. We call upon authors to pay special attention to this while disseminating their results to the scientific community. And last, a request for reviewers, whose contributions have a large impact on our journal: when unable to perform a review, please send us a quick reply and possibly a suggestion for an alternative reviewer, as this allows the editor to continue with the review process in a timely manner. This is highly appreciated by both the editors and authors.

Finally, you will notice that the Editorial Board has changed in 2020. In 2019, two long-time associate editors concluded their work with us: Prof. Damjana Rozman, who covered the fields of *Biochemistry and Molecular Biology* and *Biochemical Applications*, and Dr. Melita Tramšek, who covered the fields of *Inorganic Chemistry* and *Materials Science*. On behalf of the Editorial Board, I would like to thank them both for their devoted work for ACSi. To that end, the following associate editors have joined us this year: Assist. Prof. Aleš Berlec (Jožef Stefan Institute, Ljubljana, Slovenia) is responsible for *Biochemistry and Molecular Biology* and *Biochemical Applications*, whilst Dr. Mirela Dragomir (Jožef Stefan Institute, Ljubljana, Slovenia) and Assoc. Prof. Matjaž Kristl (Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Technology, University of Maribor, Maribor, Slovenia) are responsible for *Inorganic Chemistry* and *Materials Science*. The Editorial Board sincerely welcomes them and wishes them much success.

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