

Editor's Letter

With this issue *Food Technology and Biotechnology* is entering a new year of publishing papers in the fast developing fields of food technology and biotechnology. This is the 49th year since the journal has started disseminating scientific information among researchers and experts in these two fields and from the very beginning of its publishing it has followed contemporary trends in scientific publishing. In the recent years the number of manuscripts received by the editor's office has increased significantly, which has an important impact on the quality of published papers and the journal in general. At the same time, however, it has created a problem in keeping the time between the acceptance of papers for publication and their appearance in the published form reasonably short. For this reason the journal will make additional effort during this year to make abstracts of the accepted papers visible at the journal's webpage prior to publishing the entire articles. As in the previous years, full texts of all articles will be available at the website without any charge, thus facilitating the access to published scientific information for the whole scientific community. Besides, additional form of articles will be accepted from this year by the Editorial Office. Since in some fields shorter reviews covering narrower topics of particular interest to which world-wide research is being focused are more interesting for the readers than the extensive review articles describing the whole research area, a form of minireview will be introduced. Therefore, minireviews will not be so broad and of general importance but will rather describe particular topics in depth and will be written by selected experts with expertise in a certain area of investigation.

Following the previous policy of the journal, one issue in this year (no. 3) will again be dedicated to a certain topic, this time it will introduce selected works presented at the 4th International Congress on Bioprocess in Food Industries (ICBF 2010), dealing among other topics with the production of α -amylase, insoluble dextran, β -1,3-glucanase, polygalacturonase and recombinant glycerol kinase, purification of an extracellular dextransucrase, glucoamylase and protease, expression of L-asparaginase and phytases, and many more. The guest editor of this issue will be Professor Ashok Pandey, and I believe that it will attract attention of many researchers whose scientific interest is within these areas of investigation. Other three issues will as usually publish papers covering other interesting topics in biotechnology, food technology and food science in general.

I hope the readers of *Food Technology and Biotechnology* will find scientific information useful for their every day research and will find interest in reading, as well as in publishing their work in our journal.

Editor-in-Chief



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