

Editor's Letter

Dear Reader,

With the New Year 2016 we have entered the 53rd year of issuing *Food Technology and Biotechnology*. In the year that went by we experienced a further increase in the number of papers submitted to FTB, receiving over 530 papers. Due to the government finances that were resolved only at the very end of 2015, with the current resources of the Journal we can only maintain about the same number of papers in our four issues. Thus, inevitably, the rejection rate increased further to reach 90 %.

Scientific publishing faces a tremendous increase in the number of papers published in the world. Both the number of journals and, to some extent, their volume have increased almost exponentially in the last 10 years, which made processing of papers and dissemination of scientific results ever harder. On the other hand, researchers are confronted with difficulties in finding their way through the increasing number of data, libraries have to deal with more and more journals and it all results in a raise of costs of getting the right information to the right place. It is really difficult to comprehend such an increase of the amount of data in the world in which science is stagnating, funds for research are being cut, and the number of researchers decreases in most scientifically developed countries. Where do these results come from? Is it a result of powerful equipment allowing generation of more data in shorter time? Is it a boom of science in the less developed countries? Or is it in the fact that similar scientific output is now, for rather non-scientific reasons, published in more papers including the much less interesting results that would previously have never been published at all. It is the fact that scientists' achievements all over the world are evaluated through the number and quality of their papers. If the quantitative criteria prevail, researchers are forced to 'publish or perish'. They have to publish every piece of data that comes out of their research groups and they have to do it in a number of papers, which eventually inevitably leads to lowering the quality of publications and, consequently, to lowering the quality of science itself.

For a journal like *Food Technology and Biotechnology* this means that we have to work ever harder to filter those manuscripts that offer data with higher scientific impact and results that would leave a deeper trace in the scientific community. With this in mind, we have enlarged our list of members of the Editorial Board and it is my pleasure to welcome the new members whose short CVs can be found at the Journal's website. This is just another effort to concentrate our strength to provide better service to our readers.

Editor-in Chief



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