
«Biopolymers and Cell» celebrates its 30th anniversary!

«Biopolymers and Cell» journal is 30 years old! During this period there have been over 2.200 publications, including about 260 reviews, 1.670 articles and 160 short communications, the rest being updates, information about scientific events, reviews of books and textbooks, creative portraits of scientists, etc.

The journal was founded by full member of NAS of Ukraine, Professor Gennadiy Kharlampievych Matsuka and his team; it was due to his professional contacts, organizational skills and outstanding personal qualities that the very first issues of «Биополимеры и клетка» drew well-known scientists from many renowned scientific centers of the Soviet Union to the circle of editors, reviewers, and authors, thus high quality and interesting publications could capture the attention of vast readership.

During these 30 years the journal has published the works, written by scientists of 45 countries of the world: Ukraine, Russia, France, the USA, the United Kingdom, Sweden, Belarus, Poland, Austria, Germany, Kazakhstan, Armenia, Switzerland, Turkey, India, Pakistan, SAR, Italy, Latvia, Brazil, the Netherlands, Romania, Croatia, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Hungary, Serbia, Georgia, Greece, Finland, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Vietnam, Lebanon, Moldova, Puerto-Rico, Lithuania, Estonia, Bulgaria, Japan, Belgium, Taiwan, Australia.

Since 2003 Professor A.V. El'skaya, full member of NAS of Ukraine, has been the editor-in-chief of the journal; it was her initiative and persistent work that drove the creation of the journal website in English in 2006, where the original publications in Ukrainian and Russian were placed alongside their English translations. In 2008 the journal accepted the suggestion of Google Inc. to digitize the whole full-text archive of the journal, starting with the first issue of 1985, and it was gradually added to the website for free access.

At present one of the main places of searching for scientific information is Internet, but, taking into ac-

count the abundance of various, sometimes not reliable sources of information therein, scientists are determined to work with «verified» aggregates of scientific literature, which are committed to responsible selection of the indexed publications. That is why it is so important for a journal to be present in some scientometric and reference databases. As of now, the journal is indexed in Scopus, Elibrary, Google Scholar, DOAJ, Medical Journal Links, EBSCO, HINARI, Ulrich's Periodicals Directory, Dzhherelo, VINITI. The nearest plans are to have the journal enlisted in MEDLINE and to obtain Impact Factor from Thomson Reuters. Currently we have had a good index of Cites per Doc. 2013 (2y) = 0.417, estimated by SCImago Journal & Country Rank with the formula of the impact factorTM (Thomson Reuters) using the Scopus-indexed materials. Taking into account the fact that Scopus covers about 22 thousand publications, while Thomson Reuters – only 12.500, it may be considered that Cites per Doc is a more precisely estimated index compared to Impact FactorTM. There are many difficulties concerning the citation of Cyrillic publications, especially when their titles officially are only in Ukrainian (or Russian) with no official ISSN-attributed names in English. While citing, readers often transliterate the title in their own discretion which makes it completely impossible to calculate the number of citations. For instance, until 2009 the journal had five variants of names: two official names according to the registration certificate in Russian and Ukrainian – Биополимеры и клетка, Біополімери і клітина – and three more: two transliterations from Russian and Ukrainian: Biopolimery i kletka, Biopolimery i klityna, and a translation: Biopolymers and Cell – generated by the authors. Certainly, there is no database, required to determine the number of citations of such an amount of name variants of one single journal. Therefore, in 2009 the journal was officially re-registered as Biopolymers and Cell with the official abbrev-

viation of *Biopolym. Cell*. Taking the opportunity, we would like to turn the attention of our authors to the requirement of using this very name while citing.

Respecting the demands of some international databases, since 2009 the reference list at the end of the article is printed in English only, with transliteration used in some cases.

In 2012 the collaboration agreement with CrossRef was signed and during 2013 all the articles, published in the journal for all these years, were given the digital object identifier (doi) which allows finding the electronic document even if the website has been restructured and the hyperlink to it has changed. Since 2014 there has been a new website of the journal in three languages which expanded the readership of the journal considerably, reaching over 50.000 site visitors.

Many disputes of the editorial meetings were related to the issue of the most appropriate language to publish the articles. Taking into consideration the fact that English is the common language of the world science, gradually the share of articles, published in English, has been increasing, and since 2014 all the articles are published in English only. It has ensured the increase in the number of both authors and readers; it also allowed inviting outstanding scientists of other countries to the editorial board. Now half of editorial board members are specialists, working in the scientific institutions of France, the USA, Poland, Japan, the United Kingdom, Latvia, Belarus and the Russian Federation.

All the materials, submitted for reviewing, are considered either at the editorial board meetings or by the editor, responsible for a specific section, and there are two appointed independent reviewers, who are professionals in this sphere. Taking into account

their recommendations and remarks, the article is either sent for follow-up revision, or rejected; also the third reviewer may be appointed in ambiguous cases. We gradually transfer from the single-blind scheme of reviewing (when the reviewer has a possibility to find out the name of the author and the institution, where the work has been conducted, but the authors are not informed as to who reviews their work) to the double-blind scheme (neither authors nor reviewers are disclosed). The finalized variant of the manuscript, recommended by reviewers for print and checked for the absence of any plagiarism, is considered by the editorial board and approved for print in the specific issue. The journal follows the international standards of formatting our publications: since 2010 a structured abstract is required for experimental articles, and since 2014 the reference list is formalized using Vancouver reference style. We are committed to adhering to the bioethical norms of conducting experiments and legal requirements concerning the copyright. We use modern technologies to prepare, issue, distribute and advertise the journal. The latest interesting feature is the possibility to subscribe to the direct e-mail notification about the content of new issues. It allows readers to be the first to read the materials of the issue as soon as it is on the website for free access. Since 2015 we have started our cooperation with Akamedperidyka Publishing House, so we expect the improvement of the print quality of our issues. On the occasion of our 30th anniversary we would like to thank everyone who has been giving his or her intellect, time and inspiration to develop «*Biopolymers and Cell*» during these years!

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