

Dear colleagues,

I am delighted to introduce you the first issue of a new scientific journal – INEOS OPEN, which aims to highlight recent advances in the field of organoelement and polymer chemistry. INEOS RAS is a legendary institute created by a genius of our first director, full member of the Academy of Sciences of USSR Aleksandr N. Nesmeyanov, over 60 years ago. Its foundation evoked a new chemical discipline – the chemistry of organoelement compounds. The founding members of the Institute included renowned scientists such as I. L. Knunyants, K. A. Andrianov, M. I. Kabachnik, V. V. Korshak, A. I. Kitaigorodskii and many other prominent researchers. The scientific achievements of INEOS RAS are well known worldwide owing to the numerous publications in eminent journals.

However, a situation with publications in scientific journals has greatly changed in recent years. The availability of leading journals is increasingly defined by financial capacities of researchers rather than scientific interests. The political unrest also contributes to bias in decisions on publications from Russia. Some of us have already experienced such troubles. Therefore, we have decided to join the movement for a less complicated access to original scientific data. Our Journal is entirely open access and requires only minimal article processing charges for accepted contributions. This is not a commercial project. All the potential revenue from publishing will be used to support researchers within an annual open scientific contest-conference – INEOS OPEN CUP.

An extensive expertise of INEOS RAS and a high level of blind peer review, free from political considerations, will ensure the high quality of publications in our Journal. Based on the knowledge and experience of the forming advisory board we intend to bring the rating of our Journal to a high competitive level in a short time.

Along with the professional and fair review and the rapid evaluation process, an important advantage of INEOS OPEN is the diversity of accepted publication types which include original research papers, themed highlights (mainly generalizing the results of dissertations prepared at INEOS RAS) as well as critical notes. The lack of the latter in modern scientific literature is especially acute.

Nevertheless, our most valuable treasure is our authors. First of all, these are young researchers from INEOS RAS and related academic institutions and universities. A creative core of the Journal is planned to be formed around an annual open contest-conference – INEOS OPEN CUP. We anticipate that the contest participants, especially the winners, will become our permanent authors – just like the prize holders of recent contests have already contributed to the first Journal issue. In turn, the editorials will reflect the most important points of our scientific life. I hope it will be interesting for you.

We look forward to your contributions!

Sincerely yours,

Editor-in-Chief

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