

EDITORIAL

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We are pleased to present the first issue of volume twentieth six of the international *Journal of Sciences, I.R. of Iran*. We would like to thank our respected researchers and authors for their submission of original research works to this journal and kindly invite others to present their articles in all areas of basic sciences.

At the outset, it is necessary to wish our respected researchers and readers a happy and prosperous New Year. Every season has its own beauties and examples of God's handiwork, but spring specially evokes thoughts of the next world and its eternal life, and for those people of insight there are many lessons to be learned. Spring is the season of change and transition when nature does her own "spring cleaning", calling us to do the same, not only outwardly but also inwardly for transforming and purifying our souls. For whatever becomes immobile becomes stagnant, the only evidence of life is growth. Our hope is to continually seek self-betterment and mobility, especially in this season when Nature dons her most beautiful garments and life begins anew.

We are pleased that the articles, which are few at the beginning, are gradually increasing significantly and we are looking forward to even more, especially in the fields of physics.

Our journal is being sent to many scientists and researchers all over the world, but we would like to become acquainted with others in these fields of basic science. We would like to kindly request and call your attention to introduce this journal to your colleagues and associates who have not seen it. Please invite them on our behalf to visit our homepage and to send in their research articles or send us their address and we will be happy to send them the journal.

The main goals of our journal -by which published quarterly and distributed internationally- are to publish the latest, valuable scientific researches of basic sciences including biology, chemistry, geology, physics, mathematics statistics, and computer sciences.

We are deeply pleased that we have been able to publish this journal mainly on time, during the last twenty-six years, hoping to continue this affair through the forthcoming years. Therefore and fortunately, the publication of this journal becoming an important part of the scientific-research field of our country.

During last twenty-six years, we have received more than **2950** scientific articles written by scientists from our country and other parts of the world. We have published **97** issues so far, totally **1021** articles including **213** articles – corresponding to **20.86 %** of total published articles – from the scientists of other countries including (by their frequency order) England, India, USA, Pakistan, Australia, Nigeria, Japan, Canada, Germany, France, Jordan, Russia, Hungary, Belgium, The Netherlands, China, Greece, Sweden, Romania, Italy, Czech Republic, Namibia, Egypt, Scotland, Morocco, Azerbaijan, Taiwan and Portugal. Out of **213** above-mentioned articles, the most percentage of each of these countries belonged to England, India equally and USA, which were **16.90%** and **11.73%**, respectively (Table 1).

Also among the **1021** published articles, the percentage of Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Sciences, Geology and Physics were **29.08**, **26.15**, **21.84**, **12.73**, and **10.18**, respectively (Table 2).

A total of **1929** articles (corresponding to **65.38%** of total received papers) have been rejected and **34.61%** of the total received articles have been accepted by the reviewers.

In the past twenty-six years, the editorial board in addition to some extraordinary meetings has

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Table 1. A brief history of 213 previously published foreign articles

Name of Countries	Number of published articles	Percentage
U.K. , India	36*	16.90
U.S.A.	25	11.73
Australia, Pakistan	16*	7.51
Germany	13	6.10
Nigeria, Canada	11*	5.16
Japan	9	4.22
France	5	2.34
Italy	4	1.87
Jordan, Azerbaijan	3 *	1.40
Russia, Belgium, The Nether Land, Hungary, New Zealand	2 *	0.93
China, Greece, Sweden, Romania, , Slovak Republic, Namibia, Egypt, Scotland, Morocco, South Africa, Spain, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan and Portugal	1 *	0.46
Total	213	100

* From each country

Table 2. Number of published articles according to their subjects

Subject	Number of published articles	Percentage
Chemistry	297	29.08
Biology	267	26.15
Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Sciences	223	21.84
Geology	130	12.73
Physics	104	10.18
Total	1021	100

Held **319** regular monthly meetings and we have received thousands of encouraging letters from across the world by which their comments and constructive criticisms have been very heart-warming and beneficial.

We are greatly pleased that for the process of evaluation of the articles, we are honored by the valuable cooperation and assistance of hundreds of distinguished referees both inside and outside the country, to whom we are deeply grateful.

The *Journal of Sciences, I.R. Iran* is indexed by ISI, Scopus and abstracted in some of the most prestigious Abstract Centers including: Biological Abstracts, Biosis Selective Coverage Unique, Biosis Previews, Zoological Records, Chemical Abstracts, and Methods in Organic Synthesis, Mathematical Reviews, and Math.Sci.Net. We hope that other well known Citation Index and Abstract Centers will also cover the journal in the near future.

The journal's home page on the Internet (<http://jsciences.ut.ac.ir>) was constructed in 2004 including all published abstracts as well as full texts from spring 2001 on, subscription forms and instruction for authors. Online submission is available.

To conclude, once again, we would like to thank all our dear researchers, authors and all distinguished colleagues and scientists of basic Sciences who have done their best to provide a good journal and like always, we eagerly await your research articles, suggestions, and constructive criticisms. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information. With salutations to everyone, everywhere who use their knowledge for humanity and the oppressed. Moreover, all those who labor for the sake of truth and righteousness. May God Almighty grant us to continue this service in an appropriate and sincere manner.

Best Wishes