

EDITOR'S PREFACE

After 4 years of great service in the job as Editor-in-Chief of Materials & Technology, Matjaž Torkar has taken retirement. He saw the journal through some difficult times and established it as an important international record of scientific achievements. He will be a tough act to follow.

The next issue, 6/2016, will see some changes. After many years of being both open access and free to publish, we will have to acknowledge the economic realities of the situation and start to charge for each published paper. In line with other Slovenian journals we will

introduce a publication fee of €300, payable on acceptance of the manuscript, with a reduced fee of €150 for those people presenting at the annual International Conference on Materials & Technology, held annually in Portorož, Slovenia. This fee will be applied to manuscripts submitted after 30 Sept. 2016.

A second change, which we feel is in line with the progress the journal has been making over the past decade, is to publish original and review scientific articles. From now on we will not have a separate section for professional articles. As the number of submissions in the past years has soared, from 120 in 1995 to near 400 in 2015, our selection criteria have had to become stricter. So, in order to help authors get their articles published we have re-written the Instructions for Authors, introduced a template for manuscript submission and now require a mandatory check-list to accompany all new manuscripts. For the time being we will still be accepting submissions by e-mail to mit@imt.si, where they will be handled first by the journal's new Technical Editor, Erika Nared, who will be checking each manuscript's eligibility, before they are assessed by myself or members of the Editorial Board. However, we expect to be switching to a web-based submission procedure in next few years.

The journal is becoming increasingly international, with manuscripts being submitted from all over the world. It is very gratifying to see that Materials & Technology is now such a familiar and respected journal in places outside of Slovenia, but we would still like to receive more submissions from researchers from Slovenia.

PREDGOVOR UREDNIKA

Po 4 letih delovanja kot glavni in odgovorni urednik revije je dr. Matjaž Torkar zaradi upokojitve prenehal z urednikovanjem. Skozi izzivov polno obdobje je vodil revijo, da je postala to, kar predstavlja danes: pomembno mednarodno uveljavljeno revijo, ki objavlja mnoge znanstvene dosežke.

Z naslednjo številko (6/2016), ki bo izšla v decembru 2016, bomo uvedli nekaj sprememb. Po mnogih letih, tako odprtega dostopa revije kot brezplačne objave člankov, bomo zaradi ekonomske situacije začeli zaračunavati objavo člankov v naši reviji. Tako kot to počne že prenekatera slovenska znanstvena revija. Za običajne

članke bo cena 300 €, za tiste članke, ki bodo predstavljeni na letni Mednarodni konferenci o materialih in tehnologijah, ki poteka vsako leto v Portorožu, pa 150 €. Za članke, ki jih bomo prejeli od 30. septembra 2016 dalje, bo potrebno plačilo za objavo.

Druga sprememba, za katero menimo, da je dobrodošla in nujna za nadaljnji razvoj revije, je objavljanje izvernih znanstvenih in preglednih člankov. Od sedaj naprej tako ne bo več sekcije za strokovne članke. Ker je v zadnjem času število oddaje člankov izredno naraslo, od nekaj 120 v letu 1995 na blizu 400 v letu 2015, smo mnenja, da je potrebno kriterije za izbiro člankov zaostri. Tako smo, v pomoč avtorjem, posodobili Navodila za avtorje, predstavili bomo vzorec oz. predlogo, kako naj bo članek napisan in poleg oddaje članka bomo zahtevali obvezno oddajo kontrolnega seznama, ki ga bo moral izpolniti avtor. Oddaja člankov bo tako še vedno potekala preko e-pošte: mit@imt.si, kjer jih bo najprej obravnavala nova tehnična urednica, Erika Nared, preden bodo posredovani v pregled meni ali članom uredniškega odbora. Nadalje, v bodoče načrtujemo prehod na spletno oddajanje člankov za objavo v reviji.

Revija postaja vse bolj mednarodna, saj so članki poslani iz različnih delov sveta. V čast nam je, da je revija Materials in tehnologije danes tako znana in ugledna tudi izven Slovenije, vendar si želimo, da bi v naši reviji objavljalo večje število strokovnjakov in raziskovalcev iz Slovenije.

Naše osnovno prizadevanje ostaja še naprej: da je revija Materials in tehnologije znanstvena revija, ki je posvečena izvornim znanstvenim člankom in člankom, ki



Our basic remit remains the same: we are a scientific journal, devoted to original scientific papers and articles relating to fundamental and applied science and technology. Topics of particular interest to the journal include metallic materials, inorganic materials, polymers, vacuum techniques and nanomaterials. In response to requests by authors we will be making a lot of effort over the next year to reduce the waiting period for publication to 4–6 months, so as to provide a better service to both authors and readers. In addition, we welcome constructive comments from anyone with an interest in the journal and are happy to discuss new ideas.

I would like to thank you for your interest in Materials & Technology journal and look forward to working with you in the future.

Paul McGuinness,
Editor-in-Chief

obravnavajo tematiko temeljne in aplikativne znanosti ter tehnologije. Tematike, ki so posebnega pomena za revijo vključujejo kovinske materiale, anorganske materiale, polimere, vakuumsko tehniko in nanomateriale. Glede na želje in zahteve mnogih avtorjev, se bomo v naslednjem letu trudili skrajšati obdobje čakanja na objavo članka (na 4–6 mesecev) in tako stopiti naproti tako avtorjem, kot tudi bralcem. Veseli bomo vsake vaše konstruktivne kritike, predlogov ali novih idej, ki nam bodo pomagale narediti revijo še boljše.

Zahvaljujem se vam za vaše zanimanje in prebiranje revije Materials in tehnologije ter se veselim prihodnjega sodelovanja z vami.

Paul McGuinness,
Glavni in odgovorni urednik