

## Expectations for a New Scenario in Science and Technology

As has happened in the past few years, here I come with my editorial for 2023. Before I announce what is new for the coming year, I should emphasize that these last two have been hard for our Journal. We have experienced a decrease in the number of submitted papers and as a result, we had to diminish the number of papers *per* issue. Our feelings are that in Brazil and other countries, the problems from the COVID-19 pandemic are still on and have been reflected severely in research worldwide.

If from one side health problems by themselves were enough to bring a lot of difficulties to the system of research and development, in our country we have faced extra difficulties with a government that has drastically cut the budget for science and technology. This situation has created an enormous complication for maintaining laboratories and research grants and, in general, the research has been largely affected, resulting in shortage of articles generated and submitted to different journals. The government has constantly denied, doubted, and resisted science, characterizing its negationist behavior and propagator of misinformation.

The political situation is expected to change at the beginning of 2023 with the newly elected president, however, we should not forget that the budget for the new year has already been approved. Even though there have been some movements to change the budget, this will involve a long negotiation with congress. Therefore, the scientific community cannot expect the reflex of the changes in the government to be effective so soon. It is going to take some time before it takes place and life starts to be normal again.

In the year 2022, we have changed several of our editors, five of them are leaving Pedro H. C. Camargo, University of Helsinki, Finland; Humberto Osório Stumpf, Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil; José Walkimar M. Carneiro, Fluminense Federal University, Brazil; Emanuel Carrilho, University of São Paulo, Brazil; and Teodoro S. Kaufman, Nacional University of Rosario, Argentina. Replacing them we now have five new members of the editorial team Albertina Moglioni, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina; Andréa Rodrigues Chaves, Federal University of Goiás, Brazil; Célia Machado Ronconi, Fluminense Federal University, Brazil; Izaura Cirino Nogueira Diógenes, Federal University of Ceará, Brazil; and Paula Homem de Mello, ABC Federal University, Brazil. A special effort was carried out aiming genus equity, what we know we were owing to the Brazilian Chemical Community of our Journal. We are grateful to the ones who are leaving for their generous and valued contribution, and welcome the new editors that, for sure, will do their best to keep the spirit of good collaboration for the benefit of JBCS and of the chemical society.

The year 2022 was also marked by the launching of two issues to celebrate UNESCO's initiative to highlight

the connection between Basic Sciences and the Sustainable Development Goals of the International Year of Basic Sciences.<sup>1</sup> The JBCS has launched a call for papers on the theme "2022-International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development" (IYBSSD), and fortunately, there was a wonderful response from the Brazilian chemistry community. In the end, we published two issues of the Journal to celebrate the IYBSSD with a total of 32 papers.<sup>2,3</sup> Regarding special numbers, we have launched for 2023 one on the theme "Chromatographic Methods and Related Techniques". We expect it will be a success, therefore we invite all the authors in this area to submit their papers to this special number of JBCS.

We also have good news to celebrate referring to the impact factor (IF) of our journal. The JBCS has experienced a high evolution in its impact factor in 2022. In the IF released by Clarivate Analytics, last June we reached an IF of 2.135 for the first time, surpassing the barrier of 2.0 (two), celebrated by the editors, authors, and the Brazilian Chemical Society (SBQ), our sponsor. This is the result of a joint effort of the community connected to JBCS, the persistence of our authors, editors, sponsor, and editorial office in making the Journal a scientific communication organ with quality and respectful visibility in its community.

Finally, I acknowledge the collaboration of authors and reviewers for their support to keep the high standards of the Journal. The JBCS and SBQ are very grateful for their work as well as for that of the editors and advisory board who devote part of their time to our Journal.

Editing a journal is a challenging task, and editing a good journal is even more challenging. To us, editors, it is always a pleasure to know that the chemistry community is acknowledging our work. Enjoy reading our Journal and let's work for a great 2023.

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