

## Editor's Letter

*Food Technology and Biotechnology* is a scientific journal covering fields of rather young, modern, and above all perspective sciences, yet it has a relatively long tradition and experience. The journal was published for the first time in 1963 under the title *Informacije Prehrambeno-tehnološkog instituta u Zagrebu* (Information from the Food Technology Institute of Zagreb) but soon it was changed into *Prehrambeno-tehnološka revija* (Food Technology Review). At that time it only had a local significance and published mainly articles describing novelties in emerging and developing food technologies. However, since at the beginning of the 60s the Faculty of Technology of the University of Zagreb started the study of Biotechnology, mainly in collaboration with Pliva pharmaceutical company, biotechnologists recognized the journal as their possibility to publish and exchange scientific results as well. The result was a successful marriage of two at that time quite remote fields, one dealing with the production of food and the other with the biotechnological production of chemicals, clearly with an interface in classical biotechnologies like brewing, wine making or yeast production. Interestingly, in the years to come the fields will have got closer, ever more interconnected and with an ever fainter border between them. Thus, in 1986 the Editorial Board renamed the journal to *Prehrambeno-tehnološka i biotehnološka revija* (Food Technology and Biotechnology Review).

The Editor-in-Chief of the journal from its very beginning was Professor Pavao Mildner, one of the founders of modern biochemistry in Croatia and a person with a clear perspective, who set the highest goals in growth and transformation from local to a journal with an international reputation. Science has no borders and so should be with the scientific publications as well. Trying to enlarge the number of authors, especially from the neighboring countries, the journal has been edited in English since 1995, and from the first issue of the following year (1996) the name of the journal was changed into today's *Food Technology and Biotechnology*.

From the year 1999 it has been indexed in all of the most important secondary publications like *Current Contents*, *Science Citation Index*, *Web of Science*, and a number of databases specialized for the areas of food technology and biotechnology. In the last 10 years the impact factor had grown steadily from year to year to reach 1.273 in 2008. From its beginnings, *Food Technology and Biotechnology* has transformed into a reputable publication with such a selection that less than 40 % of all submitted manuscripts from all over the world are published now.

In this situation, it is my great honor and equally great responsibility to take over the relay from Professor Mildner, who was appointed Honorary Editor in July last year. It will certainly be a demanding task to keep *Food Technology and Biotechnology* on the tracks set in the past to create a prosperous future for the journal. It is the obligation of the Editorial Board and myself to insist further on high quality standards of science published and complete openness of the journal to new scientific trends in the manufacturing of food and biotechnological productions. The journal should expand its interests to all aspects of the field from primary production of food to nutritional improvements of products and technologies aimed at the addition of novel values. Key words in running a scientific journal today are interdisciplinary approach, high quality standards and easy accessibility to readers, and we, by all means, want to implement them in *Food Technology and Biotechnology*. I am very confident that our readers will appreciate our efforts, bookmark the *FTB* website, read our articles and submit manuscripts knowing that they will be published in a top quality journal.

Editor-in-Chief



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