

Foreword

The 2nd International Nuclear Chemistry Congress (2nd-INCC) was held between 13–17 April 2008, in Cancún, Mexico and the scope of this congress was determined as being a large umbrella covering radiochemistry, radioanalytical chemistry, radioecology, radiopharmaceutical chemistry, and radiation chemistry as principal topics corresponding to the field of activity of the International Nuclear Chemistry Society (INCS) similar to that of the 1st International Nuclear Chemistry Congress (1st-INCC) which was held between 22–29 May, in Kusadasi, Turkey. The main difference was that a session of “Education in Nuclear Chemistry” was added to the principal topics of the 2nd-INCC. Thus, it was believed that the scope of nuclear chemistry will more clearly be understood. The Congress Chairmanship and the Presidential Office of the International Nuclear Chemistry Society (INCS) decided to publish the 2nd-INCC Proceedings as a special issue of the *Journal of Radioanalytical and Nuclear Chemistry (JRNC)* and Professor Tibor Braun, Editor-in-chief of the JRNC, agreed for publication of these Proceedings.

After the Congress, exactly 98 papers corresponding to the oral and poster presentations which were in the above topics, were submitted for publication in the proceedings. It was decided in principle to peer review the submitted full papers by the officially registered JRNC referees and Senior Scientists who participated in the 2nd-INCC. In this context, as the Guest Editors, Professor TURAN ÜNAK, INCS President & Congress Co-chair and Professor MANUEL NAVARRETE, INCS Vice-President & Congress Chairman, we communicated totally to about 75 referees requesting their acceptance to help us in the peer reviewing of submitted papers. Fortunately, about 60 referees accepted gladly this job. We are really grateful to them.

We wish to mention here that about 30 papers have been recommended by the referees for publication without needing any revision and about 50 papers were acceptable for publication after some minor revisions. 40 full peer reviewed papers have been accepted for publication in the 2nd-INCC Proceedings.

Here, we wish also to outline that, as the Editorial Board of the INCS News, we have decided to publish the manuscripts which were acceptable for publication, but could not have the opportunity to be included in the 2nd-INCC Proceedings in the next issues of INCS News, if the authors will accept this method of publication.

All accepted papers have been pre-edited before their sending to the publisher. Here, we would like to thank very much all active participants of this congress for their valuable contributions either in submitting their full papers for publication or for their active participations during oral and poster sessions of the congress. We are also very grateful to the referees who have had a very important and valuable mission for finalization of these proceedings. We wish also to express our sincere gratefulness to Professor TIBOR BRAUN for his acceptance to publish the 2nd-INCC Proceedings as a special issue of the JRNC, also to all team members of Akadémiai Kiadó and Kluwer Academic Publishers printing house for their valuable work during the publishing procedure of these proceedings.

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