

Beginning a new Period
celebrating the 60th anniversary of the journal
Scientia Sinica–(*Science China*)

Funded by the Chinese Academy of Sciences, *Science in China (Scientia Sinica)* was first published in 1950 and will celebrate its 60th anniversary in 2010. During its earlier history the journal published numerous significant articles which reported the development of science and technology in China, making a significant contribution to academic exchange and understanding between Chinese scientists and their international counterparts. In 2008, the *Science in China Series* implemented a comprehensive reform, including founding a council of directors headed by the President of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Dr. LU Yongxiang, for management of the journals and establishing new editorial boards for all Series of the Journal. In October, 2009 *Science in China* merged with the journal “*Progress of Natural Sciences*” to form a new journal renamed as “*SCIENCE CHINA*”, which will be jointly sponsored by the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the National Natural Science Foundation of China. This new name highlights the international attributes of this journal. Therefore “*SCIENCE CHINA*” is facing a new period.

As one of the Series, “*Science in China Series C-Life Sciences*” has changed its name to “*SCIENCE CHINA Life Sciences*” (SCLS) beginning with the first issue of 2010. During the past year, the journal has been undergoing many changes to implement multiple improvements, publishing with a new style. It is strongly hoped that SCLS will provide an improved experience for both readers and authors from 2010 onwards. SCLS is a comprehensive monthly journal publishing both reviews and research articles in all areas of the life sciences, including such primary fields as biological sciences, medical sciences, agriculture and ecology. “Efficient, objective and fair” is our consistent standard as editors of this journal.

In commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the journal, a series of reminiscences of several biological research projects in China are being published in this issue, including an overview of the life science research in CAS over the past years, a reminiscence about the total synthesis of crystalline insulin, the story of the synthesis of yeast Ala-tRNA, a brief account of the determination of insulin crystal structure, as well as genomics and proteomics research in China. As silhouettes of those landmark events, these recollections or reviews will facilitate greater appreciation of life science research in China.

At this new beginning, we cordially invite international authors to submit cutting edge manuscripts to our journal. *SCIENCE CHINA Life Sciences* highly appreciates the scholarly contributions of authors and readers from throughout the international scientific community.



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