Preface

Special Issue: Editors' Contributions to Chemistry Africa

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Dear *Chemistry Africa* Readers,

Welcome to *Chemistry Africa* (CHAF), the journal of chemistry published by Springer on behalf of the Tunisian Chemical Society (TCS). Since the start in June 2018, our editorial team and expert reviewers have placed emphasis on quality to feature high-quality research articles and review papers from Africa and the rest of the world. Our acceptance rate is 37%, indicating that originality and scientific quality are what matter most for us.

As reflected by its Aims & Scope (A&S), *Chemistry Africa* is devoted to all branches of chemistry. However, in particular, the journal aims to feature studies that address the societal challenges faced by Africa and the rest of the world by providing solutions to major problems, thereby contributing to achieving the UN's 17 sustainable development goals (SDG). In this context, our editors are also committed to addressing important issues in chemistry for the sake of sustainable development. At *Chemistry Africa* we thought that the time had come to feature the work and role of our editors in the general domain of chemical sciences. For this reason, Issue 3 of Volume 3 is fully dedicated to our editors as well as peers from their respective networks. This issue is

thus simply baptized Special Issue: Editors' Contributions to Chemistry Africa, and it covers review and original papers.

Papers published in The Editors SI cover all main topics, namely (1) Organic and Organometallic Chemistry; (2) Inorganic, Solid-state Chemistry and Catalysis; (3) Structural, Analytical and Physical Chemistry; (4) Functional Materials and Composites; and the new main topic (5) Chemistry in Society, which places the emphasis on sustainable development. Without going into detail, let us simply mention that this SI covers, among other topics, semi-synthesis of organics from natural extracts, catalysts for soot combustion, nanomaterials for the optical detection of uric acid, electrochemical sensors of hazardous water pollutants, ionically conductive poly(ionic liquids), stabilization of refined olive oil, furans as sustainable chemicals, membranes for generating potable water as well as issues raised by fouling of membranes and solutions provided for membrane fouling prevention, and finally dust from transport stations that could be regarded as indicators of environmental quality. We invite you to read the Editors SI in its entirety for a better appreciation of the work achieved by our Editors and peers from our respective networks who contributed to this SI.

With this Editors SI in hand, we can testify that *Chemistry Africa* has achieved much since its take-off and has grown to appeal to a much broader audience in Africa and the rest of the world. This is thanks to our expert reviewers who have helped in selecting only high-quality papers, and the professional work of our editors in handling manuscripts. Together, these efforts have encouraged our authors to fulfill

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our “high quality” and “originality” prerequisites when preparing manuscripts.

We do hope this Editors Special Issue will be inspiring to our readership and will help *Chemistry Africa* continue to grow and improve, while remaining a forum for African chemists and their peers in other continents.

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