

Preface

Dear reader,

This special issue of the “Bulgarian Chemical Communications” puts together most of the studies, presented during the Jubilee Scientific Session on “Interdisciplinary Chemistry”, which took place on October 17-18, 2013 in the town of Bankya. The session was dedicated to the 90th birth anniversary of the notable Bulgarian scientist Academician Jordan Malinowski – undoubtedly one of the most prominent representatives of the Bulgarian Physical Chemistry domain in 20th century. A brief essay featuring the life and the achievements of this world- renowned man of science is set at the beginning of this special issue of the journal.

The Jubilee Scientific Session was organized by the Institute of Optical Materials and Technologies at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, whose patron is the very Acad. Jordan Malinowski. The testimony for the vivid interest to this event was the really high response rate resulting into more than 70 attendees. Along with the invited distinguished lecturers in key fields of the contemporary chemistry, the reputation of the forum was boosted by the participation of Bulgarian scientists, working together with colleagues from leading international institutes.

Against this background, the overwhelming presence of young scientists and PhD students put the final touch to the attractiveness of this high-profile scientific forum. The presentations demonstrated the interdisciplinarity of the modern chemistry and its application in the various fields ranging from photonics, sensor technique and catalysis to organic electronics, holography, medicine, etc. Moreover, the continuous face-to-face communication during the session days provided the opportunities to the attendees to share knowledge and exchange experience, to network actively and discuss the latest developments in the fields of research and technologies in the corresponding areas of interest.

Now, the organizers of the Jubilee Scientific Session thankfully grab the chance to reach out the audience through the pages of this journal. In that way the participants would be given the possibility to recollect the ideas, presented or generated at the event and get acquainted with all details that couldn't be covered during the live presentations. For those who didn't have the chance to be there – we hope that this reading will serve as a teaser to attend the next session.

Wishing you an exciting and valuable experience,

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