

EDITORIAL

**Ninth International Conference
“Modern Trends in Science” - FMNS-2021
15-19 September 2021, Blagoevgrad,
BULGARIA**



Dear Reader,

This special issue of the *Bulgarian Chemical Communications* contains selected papers, reported as oral or poster presentations at the Ninth International Conference „Modern Trends in Science” (FMNS-2021), organized by the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences of the South-West University “Neofit Rilski”, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic situation, the conference was held online from the 15th to the 19th of September 2021.

Despite the unpredictable change in the conference format at the very last moment, more than 180 scientists from Albania, Bulgaria, Germany, Italy, Kazakhstan, Macedonia, Mexico, Poland, Russia, and the Czech Republic reported their latest scientific achievements in various fields of natural and technical sciences.

Plenary lectures were presented by prominent Bulgarian and foreign scientists:

- Prof. Toni Spasov – Dean of the Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria;
- Prof. Carlo Santoro - University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy;
- Dr. Manfred Schütze - Institut für Automation und Kommunikation, Magdeburg, Germany.

Within the framework of the conference a Special Scientific Session was held, at which participants in the National Scientific Program "Low-Carbon Energy for Transport and Household - EPLUS" presented the scientific achievements of the program.

On behalf of the Organizing committee of the Ninth International Conference „Modern Trends in Science” I would like to express our gratitude to the National Science Fund of Bulgaria for the provided financial support through a Contract KP-06-MNF/25/2020.

We would also like to express our gratitude to all FMNS-2021 participants for their contribution to the conference. We gratefully thank the Editorial Board of the *Bulgarian Chemical Communications* for the opportunity to disseminate a part of the papers reported at the conference to the audience of the journal.

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