

Editorial

The journal *Chemistry of Metals and Alloys*, published by the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, was created in March 2008 and, since then, more than 250 papers have been published. The majority of the contributions come from different Ukrainian research centers, but the complete address list of the authors underlines the international character of the journal: Algeria, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Egypt, France, Germany, India, Iran, Italy, Japan, KSA, Latvia, Nepal, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, United Kingdom, and USA.

As indicated by the title, the journal is mainly focused on alloys and intermetallic compounds, but there are also reports on coordination compounds, oxides, hydrides, sulfides, *etc.* The most popular issue among the articles published up to now is crystal structure determination, often including complete refinements from powder or single-crystal, X-ray or neutron, diffraction. Another popular field covered by *Chemistry of Metals and Alloys* is the investigation of phase diagrams. Many papers also contain data on physical properties, *e.g.* magnetic properties, transport properties, and optical properties for compounds, alloys or nanomaterials. These are trends, however, the scope of the journal is not limited to these topics. We are also glad to have received and published manuscripts on analytical chemistry, physical chemistry, organometallic chemistry, and theoretical physics.

Chemistry of Metals and Alloys is a small journal. All papers are, however, peer-reviewed by specialists, and we take the opportunity to express our gratitude to the members of the Editorial Board for their contribution to maintaining the scientific level of the journal. Since 2009, *Chemistry of Metals and Alloys* is included in the official list of journals of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine. For evident reasons, we encourage our Ukrainian authors to submit manuscripts in English, but articles in Ukrainian are also accepted. No financial contribution is required from the authors, and the journal is available free of charge on-line.

We encourage you to share the results of your research with the rest of the world *via* *Chemistry of Metals and Alloys*. You can find all information concerning the preparation and submission of manuscripts on the page "Guidelines for authors".

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