Editor-in-Chief's Notes



The arrival of the second issue of Polyolefins Journal now before you has special importance for us and the future of the journal. Announced as a biannual publication, substantial effort was put into place in order to publish the second issue in the same calendar year as POJ No 1 (Jan. 2014). This had to be accomplished, undoubtedly, while maintaining our commitment to the mission set for the journal: to publish high-quality original/review articles on different aspects of polyolefin development and concerning different aspects of polyolefins in today's and future developments.

The second issue of POJ includes, beside several pure science articles from different research groups, the second part of Editorial Board's biography who have made this journal a unique and strongest platform for international researchers to find an active medium to publish their latest findings. This issue also contains an introductory review of a two-volume book, published by Springer Verlag in 2013, entitled: Polyolefins: 50 years after Ziegler and Natta (Part I: Polyethylene and Polypropylene and Part II: Polyolefins by Metallocenes and other Single-Site Catalysts) with Walter Kaminsky as the Editor. Additionally it contains an interesting article describing the historic development of the Ziegler-Natta catalyst system for Amoco-Chisso Horizontal Gas Phase Process, written by Dr. Gregory Arzoumandis, the inventor, as a 'descriptive account' on important historical breakthroughs related to industrial polyolefins development.

After the publications of the first issue of the Polyolefins Journal we have received many positive comments and encouraging words but also some critics. You can be assured that your ideas for improvement, including those that were proposed and collected during the meeting, held for this purpose with a large number of national and international editorial board members in Tehran at ISPST 2014 Conference, will be considered very carefully. We look forward to your input regarding the second issue and as we move forward towards future issues.

I would like also to express my special thanks and deepest appreciation to Dr. Shokoufeh Hakim, the outgoing editorial manager of the Polyolefins Journal. Her devotion to the journal and her outstanding organizational skills has had a major impact on the quality and timely appearance of the first issue. We shall continue to benefit further from her collaboration and count on her support as a member of the editorial board member of POJ. The torch was handed over to Dr. Naeimeh Bahri, whose vibrant character and dynamism has been in the last several weeks essential for securing the timely reception, reviewing and acceptance of the manuscripts for the second issue and the smooth continuation of the events.

Finally, I would like to thank Professor Ali Akbar Yousefi, the former chief director of POJ and the former IPPI president, whose effort for surmounting all administrative hurdles to obtain the permission/license for Journal's publication and Professor Mehdi Nekoomansh, the current IPPI president and the chief director of POJ, without whose continuous support and permanent encouragement for editorial staff members, the publication of the first issue and the appearance of this second issue, would have been a very difficult task. I am also indebted to excellent editorial staff office, particularly the exceptional efforts of Ms. Houri Mivehchi, Ms. Leila Moballegh, Ms. Zeinab Khonakdar, Ms. Ameneh Rahbar and Ms. Sara Bajgholi. Their contribution and commitment to the Journal have been invaluable and of highest quality.

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