

## Editor's Preface

As the new editor-in-chief of the Turkish Journal of Chemistry, I am deeply saddened to inform the journal's readers and authors that our former editor-in-chief, Prof Dr Ayhan Sıtkı Demir, passed away, too early and unexpectedly, on 24 June 2012. He worked at our journal as co-editor between 28 February 2002 and 13 January 2009 and as editor-in-chief from 13 January 2009 up until his death.

Prof Demir was a distinguished scientist, researcher, and educationist. During his academic career of 32 years he published more than 180 papers. His research received strong support from Humboldt, Fulbright, DAAD, NATO, the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, DPT, and TÜBİTAK. Prof Demir's contributions have been recognized through the awarding of many honors including membership of the Turkish Academy of Sciences. He mentored several graduate students, many of whom have proceeded to take up prominent positions in academia.

During his time as editor of the *Turkish Journal of Chemistry*, the journal continued to grow and develop due to his tireless efforts. We will never forget his contribution to this journal and to chemistry. This issue is dedicated to the memory of Prof Dr Ayhan Sıtkı Demir.

I want to thank the executive board of TÜBİTAK for entrusting me with such an important position. Starting a new job is generally a difficult, exciting, and challenging pursuit. When I heard about this job, I had a feeling of excitement, just as when, 20 years ago, my first paper was accepted for publication in the *Turkish Journal of Chemistry*. After several years, it is a great honor for me to be appointed as editor-in-chief of the same journal. I will devote my utmost commitment towards further development of the journal.

The *Turkish Journal of Chemistry*, a TÜBİTAK publication, was originally established in 1977 and has been published since then. This journal began life under the title of Doğa and the *Turkish Journal of Chemistry* is the continuation of the former Doğa journal. While some academic journals are born and then die, as the years have passed the *Turkish Journal of Chemistry* has improved and today this journal is reviewed by the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCI-E) (2011 Impact Factor: 0.943), Chemical Abstract, Chemistry Citation Index®, Research Alert®, and Current Content/Physical, Chemical & Earth Sciences. As known, the processing of the journal has become fully electronic, from submission to reviews, copyediting, and production. I wish to thank all the authors, editors, referees, and journal technical staff for all their contributions to the journal during this period.

Articles in this issue and the next issue were accepted by the former editor. For issues in 2013, the co-editors and I will be responsible for the publication process. I want to thank all authors awaiting an answer from us for their patience because of the delay in the appointment of a new editor. I will try to speed up the evaluation process to reply to submitters.

We hope to receive your assistance as authors, editors, referees, and readers to develop the journal in this growing area of science.

Prof Dr Arif Daştan  
Editor-in-Chief