

**Editorial: An overview of five years of open access publishing****Alexandru Mihai Grumezescu<sup>1,\*</sup>**<sup>1</sup>Department of Science and Engineering of Oxide Materials and Nanomaterials, Faculty of Applied Chemistry and Materials Science, University Politehnica of Bucharest, 1-7 Polizu Street, RO-011061, Bucharest, Romania\*corresponding author e-mail address: [grumezescu@yahoo.com](mailto:grumezescu@yahoo.com)

Five years ago, as an enthusiastic researcher, I decided to launch a new open access journal to cover an interesting but poorly represented area for Romania – Biointerface in applied chemistry. After few months of struggle to discover how to manage and organize a journal, in 20.11.2010, I published the first Editorial of Biointerface Research in Applied Chemistry starting with: *"It is a great pleasure to welcome you to Biointerface Research in Applied Chemistry, a new open access journal, which is dedicated to innovative, practically oriented original research on the fabrication, characterization, functionalization, and manipulation of biomaterials and nanomaterials, hybrid nanosized structures and nanocomposites, with a strong emphasis on the ecological and biomedical applications of nanosystems, new strategies for fighting antibiotic resistance and biofilms' development in natural, medical and industrial environments, design of new synthetic compounds and the discovery of new natural bioactive compounds"*.

I would like to say that during these years all papers were published free of charge and I will do all my best in order to manage this journal without any article processing charge in the near future.

During these years, 1017 pages were published that bring to readers 140 original research papers and review papers cited 631 times according to Google Scholar that mean 4.50 cites per

doc. During these years, the journal guested several special issues: (i) *Nanomaterials at the Biointerface* edited by Zhi Ping (Gordon) Xu, Fang Xie; (ii) *Iberoamerican research in bioapplications in colloids and surface science* edited by Jhoan Toro Mendoza; (iii) *Semiconductors nanostructures for bio-interface and life sciences* edited by Adel Najjar, that together with regular submissions contributed to getting Thomson Reuters indexing.

In 2015, after 4 years of open access publishing, Biointerface Research in Applied Chemistry has been selected for coverage in Thomson Reuters products and services. The content of this journal is indexed in Web of Science ([www.webofknowledge.com](http://www.webofknowledge.com)). After receiving this coverage, the amount of manuscripts received for publication raised substantially (~ 1 manuscript at two days, from which 40% of received manuscripts are rejected by editors before peer-reviewing and other 10% rejected after the peer-review).

Together with the entire editorial team, I will try to rise permanently the quality of the published papers in order to qualify the journal for its first impact factor soon.

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