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## Fiftieth Anniversary of *Revista de la Sociedad Química de México* (*Journal of the Mexican Chemical Society*)

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This 2007, *Revista de la Sociedad Química de México* celebrates five decades of uninterrupted publication. From the foundation of the *Sociedad Química de México* in 1956, its members expressed their interest in creating a magazine to serve the chemical sciences in Mexico as a forum to disseminate information, accounts, books, scientific papers, and technical reports, among other topics of general interest [1]. After completion of important organizational work, the first issue of the *Revista* was published in 1957. After half a century of existence, it may be stated that the journal's articles have accurately reflected the different areas of activity in the chemical sciences in our country, mainly in teaching and research [2]. Many authors have revealed the results of their investigations, expressed their points of view on different topics, published reviews on scientific subjects of general interest, and provided historic accounts and biographies, among many other contributions. Additionally, the journal has annually published a specific issue presenting the program of the Congresses organized by the *Sociedad Química de México*, including abstracts of the papers presented at these events. The journal has also registered the abstracts of other regional, national, and international events by publishing special issues. Chemists from many generations and professionals from related subject areas have collaborated with the journal in addition to their regular responsibilities, dedicating additional energy to this periodical as members of the Editorial Board or as referees, efforts that we gratefully acknowledge.

Recently, following editorial agreements, this journal focused preferentially on publishing papers that contribute to the understanding of the chemical sciences by presenting the results and conclusions of original chemical research [3], with the aim of reflecting the activities of chemical investigation in our country and in the region. Therefore, beginning in 2005, the *Revista* became the *Journal of the Mexican Chemical Society* and has had several initiatives. Among others, one worth highlighting is the edition of a joint issue with the

*Journal of the Brazilian Chemical Society* [4], which included research papers by authors from both countries.

With the aim to improve reader appreciation of the perspectives driving research in specific areas of chemistry, the Editorial Board has agreed on the initiative of periodically publishing thematic issues under the coordination of the members of the Editorial Board. In consideration of the fiftieth anniversary of the journal, this issue includes original papers on Inorganic Chemistry, illustrating part of the richness and quality of the investigations carried out in this important area of chemistry in our country.

We take this opportunity to inform our readers that Dr. Joaquín Tamariz Mascarúa (Instituto Politécnico Nacional) will serve from 2007 as coordinator of the journal's Editorial Board, taking the place of Dr. Guillermo Delgado Lamas, who has held this position for the last decade. The members of the *Sociedad Química de México* welcome Dr. Tamariz and wish him success in his position.

We renew the invitation to our colleagues to consider the *Journal of the Mexican Chemical Society* as the choice for publishing the results of their investigations, with an assurance of their collaboration.

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