

Editorial**Dear colleagues and friends,**

Together with you we had another exciting year 2009 with four issues of our journal being published. Two of them were special issues, in particular, vol. 12 issue 3 brought to light current developments in spin models and was edited by O. Derzhko. Vol. 12 issue 4 is dedicated to the 100th anniversary of an outstanding personality of the 20th century, physicist and mathematician Mykola Bogolyubov (21.08.1909–13.02.1992) and contains selected Proceedings of the 3rd Conference on statistical physics “Statistical Physics: Modern Trends and Applications” held in our hometown Lviv (Ukraine) on 23–25 June, 2009. The editors of this issue are: W. Ebeling, I. Mryglod, N. Plakida, and A. Zagorodny.

The impact factor for year 2008, evaluated for our journal by Thomson ISI Journal Citation Reports in 2009, is 0.488 and we sincerely hope to bring it higher thanks to the invaluable cooperation with you, our contributors, readers and referees. The fact that our journal is one of a few in Ukraine enlisted in Master Journal List of Thomson Reuters and included into the ISI Web of Knowledge, Scopus and other abstracts and citations databases, greatly contribute to the accessibility of the papers being published.

In order to provide more efficient, “as soon as accepted” online publishing scheme, we decided to change our usual page numbering template. Starting with volume 13 (2010) onwards, the papers and other publications will be numbered via a five-digit identification number instead of the ordinary page numbers. For instance: Author A. and Coauthor B., *Condens. Matter Phys.* 13 (2010) 32101. The volume number (i.e. 13 above) is preserved. The fields of the publication identification number (32101 above), denoted in general as ICCNN, are assigned in the following way:

- I issue number
- CC publication classificator, namely:
 - 00 Editorial
 - 01 Foreword
 - 1X Proceedings Paper (here and below “X” corresponds to the first digit of the prime PACS code)
 - 2X Review Article
 - 3X Regular Article
 - 4X Rapid Communication (new)
 - 5X Comments and Replies
 - 6X Errata
 - 70 Personalia
 - 71 Chronicle
 - 80 Book and Article Review
 - 89 Author Index
 - 90 Information and Announcements
- NN sequential number of the publication within each CC classificator group, which is assigned according to the acceptance date

The page numbers of each publication will span from ICCNN-1 to ICCNN-n (n is a number of pages).

From now on we introduce a new type of publication: Rapid Communication. These materials (up to 6 pages long) will be published in the following issue (waiting time less than 3 months) if received within the first month of each quarter. As always, we greatly encourage submission of review articles that cover the recent achievements in hot areas of contemporary science.

As usual, we plan four issues for 2010. Two of them are special issues, one will be devoted to the 50th birthday of a prominent scientist, director of the Institute of Condensed Matter Physics I. Mryglod (edited by T. Bryk), another will contain the contributions from the world leading scientists working in the fields of liquid crystals and colloids (edited by O. Lavrentovich, B. Lev and A. Trokhymchuk).

Let us wish you all a successful year 2010 and new exciting scientific achievements!

Devoted editorial team of the "Condensed Matter Physics"