

*Editorial*

## Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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When I was a teenager the 21st century was the distant future for us and the subject of science fiction novels. The (almost) perfect world of the third millenium was pictured as a technological paradise.

Some thirty years later we are celebrating the turn of the millenium. The technological progress in the 20th century was indeed fantastic, but perhaps the most striking change was the shrinkage of the Earth in the last ten years. It was possible due to a new communication medium - the Internet.

Of course, such development influences a lot of areas, one of those being scientific information. We just witnessed a change in the way the scientific data are being presented. Internet conferences and poster sessions have been established. The Information Revolution shifted a bulk of the manuscripts from paper journals to the internet space. One may expect in the near future that it will be the only way of publishing papers. Although even well established journals are now experimenting with web editions, such transformations are slowly leaving room for new journals which are able to present quality science in a more attractive and efficient way.

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