

## *Preface*

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**Dear readers of the Hacettepe Journal of Biology and Chemistry,**

Ever since the first meet at Ankara in 2005, annual "Affinity Techniques" conferences have been a big scientific and cultural festivity for scientists from a variety of disciplines. The "1<sup>st</sup> National Affinity Techniques" Congress was held at Hacettepe University, Faculty of Science on July 22-24, 2005 (Chairman: Prof.Dr. Adil Denizli). Then the race has continued by different universities. "2<sup>nd</sup> Affinity Techniques Congress" was organized by Zonguldak Karaelmas University, Faculty of Medicine on July 7-10, 2006 (Chairman: Asst.Prof.Dr. İshak Özel Tekin). "3<sup>rd</sup> Affinity Techniques Congress" was organized by Uludağ University, Faculty of Science on September 12-14, 2007 (Chairman: Prof.Dr. Necati Beşirli). "4<sup>th</sup> Affinity Techniques Congress" was organized by Muğla University, Faculty of Science on May 3-7, 2007 with international participations (Chairman: Prof.Dr. Hakan Ayhan). 5<sup>th</sup> Affinity Techniques Congress was organized by Balıkesir University, Faculty of Science on May 20-24, 2009 (Chairman: Prof.Dr. Oktay Arslan).

This special issue of Hacettepe journal of Biology and Chemistry includes manuscripts of some of the presentations at the 6<sup>th</sup> National Affinity Techniques Congress, held during May 26-29, 2010 in the beautiful and historical city, Aksaray (Chairman: Assist.Prof.Dr. Mehmet Odabaşı). This issue has been produced according to the regular review process of Hacettepe Journal of Biology and Chemistry. Articles in this peer-reviewed special issue cover a wide range of research on affinity separation from well known national authorities.

We sincerely hope that this volume will serve as an updated and important source of information to the "Affinity Separation" research community. We extend our gratitude to all the reviewers from various universities for their timely evaluation of the manuscripts submitted for this theme issue. We wish to thank the authors for their excellent contributions and full cooperation in putting the issue together. We also express our gratitude to Dr. Mehmet Odabaşı and his team for extending the cooperation in publishing this special issue. Last but not the least; we appreciate the support and extensive work done by the editorial team of Hacettepe Journal of Biology and Chemistry in bringing out this excellent issue.

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Editor













