



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

2009 was the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of “On the Origin of Species” (24 November 1859) and 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Darwin’s birth (12 February 1809). This special issue of the Hacettepe Journal of Biology and Chemistry is dedicated to Charles Darwin who changed the direction of modern thought by establishing the basis of evolutionary biology. This issue brings together the researchers working on areas related to Darwinism and evolution education. The editorial board would like to extend warm and sincere thanks to all who participated in this issue and contributed to its success.

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