The history of our journal dates back to the year 1971 in which the first volume was published in Turkish under the name of Hacettepe Journal of Science and Engineering. The aim of publishing a faculty journal was to foster the faculty members to make scientific publications. In 1972 the journal was also published in English as Hacettepe Bulletin of Natural Sciences and Engineering. After 1989, the journal was split into two series. Serial A: Biology and Serial B: Mathematics and Statistics. In 1991 these two series were combined into one journal and published in dual language (Turkish and English). Starting from 1998, the journal was published only in English. In 2002, it was again split into two: Hacettepe Journal of Biology and Chemistry and Hacettepe Journal of Mathematics and Statistics both being published in English.

As the dean of the faculty and owner of the journals, one of my priorities is to improve the quality of these journals so that they can be eventually placed in the international indexes such as SCI.

As of 2007, we renewed the editorial board of Hacettepe Journal of Biology and Chemistry and included some distinguished scientists from other countries. Our plan is to carry on the publication biannually for the time being and increase the number of publications as the number of the incoming articles increases in time. We are expecting to attract the concern of not only domestic scientists but also researchers from all over the

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