

Preface

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Nowadays the global worldwide economic crisis is in every mouth, the news is pessimistic, the views of economic experts are also negative. However, one of the solutions - and likely the right one - is the strengthening and acceleration of research and development. This has already been recognized by the decision-makers, hence the state and industrial funds for research have been multiplied in several countries. This is especially true for the plastics industry partly due to the dramatic price decrease of crude oil at present. This had an impact on our journal *eXPRESS Polymer Letters* as well. More and more original research and technical papers are submitted by authors, and most of them involve industrial relevance. All these factors enhanced the international standard of the journal. Thomson Reuters also acknowledged this fact as all the papers published in *eXPRESS Polymer Letters* – from the very first one – have been uploaded to the Web of Science retroactively. This is a milestone in the two-year long history of the journal, which is now indexed not only by SCOPUS but also by Science Citation Index-Expanded (SCIE) including the Web of Science, the ISI Alerting Service, the Chemistry Citation Index (CCI), the Materials Science Citation Index (MSCI) and the Current Contents/Physical, Chemical & Earth Sciences (CC/PC&ES). This means that the increasing impact factor of our journal expresses a real impact on the science!

The development of *eXPRESS Polymer Letters* is going on. From this year the DOI numbers of the references will be also available, hence all of them will be accessible just by a click. So, the background information in a given field will be available for the researchers in a much faster and more comfortable way than before.

This is the right place to express our thanks to the reviewers of the journal. The strict but still very fast reviewing process will continue in 2009. At least two but often three or more independent international experts will qualify a paper. In the first two years 2/3 of the papers have been rejected and this ratio is likely to increase with the rising impact factor of the journal.

In the name of the Editorial Board we wish all readers, authors and referees a lot of success in year 2009.



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