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## A next year after the tenth anniversary



The Chimica Techno Acta (CTA) journal was launched in 2014 by a recognized expert in organic chemistry, Prof. Yuri Morzherin<sup>1</sup>, as a response to the various demands of scientists specializing in chemistry, chemical engineering, and materials science. Despite the existence of numerous chemical-related journals in Russia at the time, he believed that a new journal would serve as a platform for facilitating efficient regional communication among scientists, primarily students and postdoctoral researchers from Ural and related regions. Initially published in two languages (Russian and English) and two formats (print and online), CTA has garnered attention from its readership, then transforming gradually from a purely regional edition into the well-known Russian journal.

After Prof. Yu. Morzherin passed away, Prof. Andrey Zuev assumed the Editor-in-Chief role from 2017 to 2021. This period was marked by significant shifts in the journal's policy, with the discontinuation of the print version and a shift in focus towards online format. The latter has reduced the time required for manuscript evaluation from 3–6 months to 1–2 months. This has represented a serious competition for other chemical-related journals, offering many benefits (for our authors) associated with fast, but rigorous peer review. This period was also characterized by notable success in terms of journal indexation in the Scopus database<sup>2</sup>. Since 2022, Dr. Dmitry Medvedev is the current Editorin-Chief. He (i.e., I) is (am) trying to enhance the visibility of CTA on an international scale through integrity-oriented initiatives pertaining to the numerous internal and external transformations occurring within the journal. Although CTA has not been accepted for indexing in another recognized database (Web of Science), the journal is growing in its metrics according to Scopus. This is a litmus paper that confirms that the origin and current activities are not in vain.

The year 2025 marks the advent of a new decade. The previous decade was devoted to the early stages of CTA's development. It has now reached a point where it can be considered a competitive international journal, as evidenced by the quality of the papers published. To support high academic standards, the CTA journal has become the first Russian journal to provide comprehensive transparency regarding the peer review process. According to these initiatives, all papers accepted in 2025 are accompanied by their peer review items, including reviewers' reports and authors' responses.

On behalf of the CTA editorial board, I would like to express my gratitude to all authors who have chosen our journal to publish their recent achievements, to all reviewers who have taken the time to provide constructive feedback despite their busy schedules, and to all readers whose attention supports our journal to stay afloat.

Sincerely,

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