

## Editor 's Comments

Zhejiang University , with a history of more than a hundred years , published a brand new English academic journal in the second millenium : *Journal of Zhejiang University ( SCIENCE )* . Our Editor-in-Chief , PAN Yun-he , proudly invited T. D. Lee and some famous scholars as the members of the editorial board . The aim of our Journal is to present the latest developments and achievements in scientific research in China and overseas to the world 's scientific circles , specially to stimulate and promote academic exchange between Chinese scientists and their foreign counterparts everywhere . This Journal covers subjects in Science , Engineering , Agriculture , Medicine and Social Science . We hope that in the very near future , the Journal will be recognized by scholars all over the world , and that the name of the Journal will appear in the most popular indexing systems .

### 1. Publishing a Journal in English to strengthen international exchange in academic researches

After the merger of Zhejiang University with former Zhejiang Agricultural University , Zhejiang Medical University , and Hangzhou University , it is now the largest university in China . Like most of the best universities in the world , publishing an English academic journal is a must for Zhejiang University . The *Journal of Zhejiang University ( SCIENCE )* was first published in the first quarter of year 2000 and it included 85 pieces of work in the past four-quarters . The Journal itself represents the successes and progresses of academic researches in China and is also a forum for exchanging ideas and results of researchers from different countries .

### 2. An international editorial board for controlling the quality of the Journal

We know the importance of having a high standard and authoritative editorial board , a criteria for being chosen in SCI ( James Tasta ,1999 )<sup>\*</sup> ; therefore our Editor-in-Chief , PAN Yun-he , took very serious consideration about who will be in the editorial board of our new journal . After discussion with the Associate Editor-in-Chief , CHENG Jia-an , they set two goals in the selection of members of editorial board :

1. The members must have more than three of their theses cited in the SCI during the past two years .

2. Invitation of some authoritative scientists and scholars like Dr T. D. Lee , the Nobel Prize Winner or Dr Walter Kaminsky et al . , international honored scientists , to assist our editorial board from the beginning .

The replies from the scholars and scientists were positive . They accepted our invitation to them to help us publish the Journal . Because of the encouragement from scholars all over the world , we aim to do our best for the Journal even in every little steps , from drafting to publishing . We want that every thesis we publish to be a quality piece recommended by academics worldwide and that we can raise our academic level , and exchange ideas and technology from other countries . We are very grateful to Dr. Kaminsky and our Editor-in-Chief , PAN Yun-he et al . , who published their works in our Journal in order to guarantee and set the high standard of the Journal .

\* James Testa , 1999 . The ISI database : the journal selection process . Editorial Department , Publisher Relation , ISI , USA .

### 3. Being recognized internationally by following the regulations of SCI

Publishing in time is one of the requirements of SCI , so we set the beginning of every quarter to publish the Journal . In the past four-quarters of 2000 , the Journal was out on Jan 28 , April 29 , July 26 and Oct 27 . We also put the Journal on the Internet at the same time . We also edit it in international format , for the table of content , abstract , authors ' address , keywords and for the " Information for Author " ; and also print the diagrams , graphs and footnotes in the format prescribed by international editorial regulations . We try to follow in every little detail the format preferred by SCI , and follow the style of European and American journals using " Author-Year " in alphabetical order for listing references . We also proofread 4 – 5 times before publishing it .

### 4. Using different media to expand our influences in the world

#### 1 ) Internet

Apart from publishing the Journal , we also put it on the Internet at site <http://www.chinainfo.gov.cn/periodical> and <http://www.zjupress.com> . We also link our web site with <http://zju.edu.cn> and <http://lib.zju.edu.cn/English> of the library of Zhejiang University .

#### 2 ) Increase the publicity

We also contacted most of the libraries , universities , and research centers in China and other countries ; and introduced them to our new Journal . Now we are receiving many replies from them . In order to extend the journal ' s international influence recently we just contact with Maney Publishing of U . K . to get more orders in future .

#### 3 ) International exchange

On recommendations of some professors , we contacted some authoritative research index publishers , such as " Chemical Abstracts " in the U . S . , " JST " in Japan , " Science Abstracts " in the U . K . , " AJ " in Russia , " SCI " , " Engineering Index " , " Medicine Index " in the U . S . , etc . We also received e-mail from Jodi L . Schneider of " Chemical Abstracts " saying that , " We are pleased to report that this periodical has been evaluated and found suitable for abstracting and indexing in Chemical Abstracts ... " and " AJ " in Russia is also abstracting our Journal .

### 5. Guarantee the viability of the Journal by fully adequate financial support by Zhejiang University

For publishing a quality journal , money always is the most important matter . As the founder of our Journal , Zhejiang University is playing the most important role of the Journal . The leadership of Zhejiang University promise to give fully adequate support and funding to the Journal . In return , we , the working team of Journal of Zhejiang University( SCIENCE ) , will do our best and promise to maintain and improve the quality of the Journal and make it a well known journal of the world .

In the twenty-first century , with the rapid growth in science and information technology , publishing an academic journal is always a challenge for any publisher . For us , we will take it positively and work even harder to make the Journal even better and up to date for the fast changing world .

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