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SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL TO
**A survey on publishing policies of the Journal of the Serbian
Chemical Society – On the occasion of the 80th volume**

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SUB-EDITORS (ORIGINALLY IN SERBIAN)

1. Please indicate the field of chemistry for which you are sub-editing:

- Theoretical Chemistry —
- Organic Chemistry —
- Biochemistry and Biotechnology —
- Food Chemistry, Technology and Engineering —
- Inorganic Chemistry —
- Polymers —
- Analytical Chemistry —
- Physical Chemistry —
- Spectroscopy —
- Electrochemistry —
- Thermodynamics —
- Chemical Engineering —
- Textile Engineering —
- Materials —
- Ceramics —
- Metallurgy —
- Geochemistry —
- Environmental Chemistry —
- History of and Education in Chemistry —

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2. *For how long have you been engaged as a JSCS Editor:* ____

3. *Were you, or are you, a member of the Editorial Board of some other journal?*

Yes __, No __

4. *Please grade:*

– The instructions for Authors are:

Excellent __, Very good __, Good __, Weak __, Bad __

– The Questionnaire in the Referee's Report is:

Excellent __, Very good __, Good __, Weak __, Bad __

– Your communication with the editors (Editor-in-Chief, Sub-Editors, Technical Editors) and the JSCS Office is:

Excellent __, Very good __, Good __, Weak __, Bad __

– The Editorial Office practice is:

Excellent __, Very good __, Good __, Weak __, Bad __

5. *How do you select the reviewers?*

I ask colleagues I know to review __

I preferably choose colleagues who have already reviewed manuscripts for the JSCS in the JSCS __

I search for potential reviewers using a scientific database (WoS, Scopus, Google Scholar ...) __

I often review the manuscripts myself __

Others: (please specify) __

6. *How many people do you ask to review in the first round?*

1–2 __, 3 __, 4 __, 4< __

7. *Do you ask for an approval for the acceptance to review?*

Yes __, No __

8. *Do you send reminders to the reviewers who are late with reports?*

Yes __, No __

9. *How many manuscripts were subjected annually, in %, to a second round of reviewers' selection?*

<25 __, 25–40 __, 40–60 __, 60–80 __, 80< __

10. *What is the percent of invitations for review to which you received no response at all?*

<10 __, 10–20 __, 20–40 __, 40–60 __, 60< __

11. *What percent of the reviewer's responses did you find inappropriate (lacking expertise or with improper comments)?*

<1–2 ___ , 3–5 ___ , 5–10 ___ , 10–15 ___ , many more (please specify) ___

12. *What was the quality of Reviewers' Reports (competence, clearness, good will for improvement of the manuscript)?*

very good ___ , good ___ , average ___ , bad ___

13. *Please make additional comments specify the steps of the exiting reviewing procedure to which, in your opinion, special attention should be given (not more than 250 words, please):*

14. *Do you have any suggestions for improvement of the reviewing procedure (not more than 350 words, please):*

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR REVIEWERS

1. *Main research field:*

- Chemistry
- Chemical Engineering
- Metallurgy
- Physics
- Biochemistry
- Materials
- Biology
- Medicine
- Other: (please specify)

2. *Experience as a reviewer (not only for this journal) (Number of reviews during the year):*

- 0–5 6–10 11–15 16–20 21–25 25–30 >30
- many more: (please specify)

3. *Reasons to accept to review for this journal (More than one answer can be selected):*

- Quality and impact of the journal
- Professional ethics of an expert
- Previous experience as an author
- Impact on the career

4. *How would you rate specific points in article reviewing in JSCS (offered rates: excellent, very good, good, fair, poor):*

- Comprehensiveness of the Referee's report form:
- Appropriateness of questions in the form:

Period given for reviewing:

Communication with corresponding person from the journal:

Acknowledgement of reviewer's effort on behalf of the journal:

5. *Rate the importance of the following for a high quality papers (5 – very important...1 – not important):*

Scientific contribution and originality:

Clarity and conciseness of the written:

Appropriate length of the manuscript:

Conclusions supported by the presented results:

Relation to the recent publications (appropriate references):

Quality of illustrations (including legends and axes labelling):

Nomenclature and units in accordance with SI and IUPAC Recommendations:

English grammar and syntax:

6. *Your suggestion to improve reviewing process in JSCS (up to 250 words):*

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR AUTHORS

1. *Main research field:*

Organic Chemistry

Biochemistry and Biotechnology

Analytical Chemistry

Materials

Electrochemistry

Inorganic Chemistry

Environmental Chemistry

Theoretical Chemistry

Food Chemistry and Technology

Other: (please specify)

2. *Years in research:*

0–5

6–10

11–15

16–20

21–25

>25

3. *Factors to select this journal (More than one answer can be selected):*

Quality and impact of the journal

Previous positive experience

Recommendation by colleagues

Submission and handling procedure

Quality of reviewing

Speed of reviewing

Speed of publication

- Open access
- No fee
- Impact on the career
- Impact on obtaining grant or project

4. *How would you rate processing of article in JSCS (offered rates: excellent, very good, good, fair, poor):*

Speed of reviewing:

Usefulness of reviewers' comments:

Communication with corresponding person from the journal:

Speed of publishing (Accepted manuscript with assigned doi):

Comprehensiveness of the Guide for authors:

5. *My article submitted in JSCS is processed by:*

- Inorganic Chemistry Sub-Editor
- Biochemistry & Food technology Sub-Editor
- Materials Science Sub-Editor
- Physical Chemistry Sub-Editor
- Environmental Chemistry Sub-Editor
- Chemical Engineering Sub-Editor
- Polymers Sub-Editor
- Organic Chemistry Sub-Editor
- Analytical Chemistry Sub-Editor
- Electrochemistry Sub-Editor
- Theoretical Chemistry Sub-Editor
- Thermodynamics Sub-Editor
- Editor in Chief
- I do not know

6. *How many articles you have published in JSCS in the last 5 years? (please specify):*

7. *Your suggestion to improve publishing in the Journal of the Serbian Chemical Society (up to 250 words):*