Editorial

We have a pleasure to inform the authors and readers of "Condensed Matter Physics" that since 1993, the date of its foundation, the journal has published 50 issues. On this occasion, we would like to summarize the previous activities of the Editorial Board as well as to formulate our plans for the nearest future.

Since its foundation the journal policy has consisted in publishing the regular issues that include research papers submitted on the authors' initiative as well as the special issues on some selected topics. By now, the "Condensed Matter Physics" has published 17 special issues devoted to a wide spectrum of problems relevant to condensed matter physics. Among the problems covered were thermodynamic, structural and dynamic properties of fluids, kinetic and hydrodynamic processes in physical systems, phase transitions and critical phenomena (including critical dynamics) in complex systems, theory of strongly correlated systems and high temperature superconductivity, thermofield dynamics for the description of classical and quantum systems, thermodynamic, structural and dynamic properties of star polymers, theory of metals and alloys, Green functions in the theory and applications, modern problems in theory of liquids. Besides, the journal has published the proceedings of international conferences and workshops. Here are some of them: Workshop on Statistical Physics and Condensed Matter Theory (1996, 1999, 2001), Workshop on the Problems of Physical and Chemical Processes in Fuelcontaining Masses of the Chornobyl Site "Shelter" (1999) , Ukrainian-Polish and East-European Meetings on Ferroelectrics Physics (1999, 2003, 2007), NATO Workshop on Ionic Soft Matter (2004), Statistical Physics 2005 (Modern Problems and new applications), Mochima Theoretical Physics Spring School (2006). The 50 issues contain 671 papers of which 380 are the works by physicists from Ukraine, 213 are the works by foreign physicists and 78 are the works prepared through the collaboration of foreign and Ukrainian researchers. In addition, 31 papers were published under the separate headings including 5 publications of Book Reviews and 26 publications of Personalia.

"Condensed Matter Physics" is distributed in Ukraine among the main scientific libraries and libraries of research institutes and universities. The journal is also sent to the libraries of a number of foreign universities and research centers (Poland, Great Britain, Austria, France, USA, Japan, China).

The papers published in "Condensed Matter Physics" are abstracted and indexed in "Dzherelo" (Ukraine), "Chemical Abstracts" (USA), INSPEC (UK), "PubScience" (USA), "Referativnyj Zhurnal" (Russia). Since 2005 "Condensed Matter Physics" has been included in the ISI Database (USA), so that the impact factor of our journal will be estimated quite soon.

The main plans and tasks of the Editorial Board are to further meliorate the level of the research papers as well as to maintain high quality and rapid reviewing of the submitted papers. We also intend to continue the practice of publishing the topical reviews and the special issues. Among our forthcoming plans is the publication of the two special issues. The first (2007) will be dedicated to Professor Hirata's 65th birthday and will contain the papers connected with areas which are close to the jubileer's interests. Another (2008) will collect papers on modern problems of physics of liquids.

We would also like to inform you that starting with the next issue, an ordinal number given in parenthesis on the journal cover page will be removed and an issues' numeration that uses a volume and numbers within each volume will be solely left.

The Editorial Board express gratitude to the authors for their contributions to "Condensed Matter Physics" as well as experts for their persistent work in the journal. We wish all of you to stay in good health and hope for a further fruitful collaboration.