

As Editor-in-Chief of "Journal of Oleo Science"

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Welcome to the Journal of Oleo Science (JOS). We have updated a new Editor-in-Chief.

I was appointed as Editor-in-Chief for the next several years since April 2005. Prof. Hiroyuki Shimasaki, the former Editor-in-Chief has been involved in editing the JOS and made a great contribution to the progress of our study on Oleo Science in Japan. Taking advantage of my appointment, I would like to make a brief explanation on my editorial policy.

As you know, the JOS launched as an international periodical journal of the Japan Oil Chemists' Society (JOCS) for Oleo Science in December 2000, and went online in June 2002. The JOS has been publishing monthly in the mixed form of Japanese and English, now. Hopefully, I believe the JOS will be full of English text papers in order to promote further progress of the research on Oleo Science and the exchange of more information among researchers all over the world. And impact factor should be essential for our journal in order to increase the number of papers in English. For this purpose, we already applied for authorization as urgent business to I.S.I.

The JOCS has grown well thanks to the members who contributed to the establishment of the Society, and have a great influence on research collaboration

and information exchanges with oil chemists in the present world.

In September 2002, the Society celebrate the 50th anniversary of its establishment. In January 1952, the membership was 30 corporations and 302 individuals. After more than 50 years of steady growth, the membership as of March 2002, had risen up to 159 corporations and 1858 individuals. At the beginning of 2002, the Society had 25 foreign members. The JOCS always welcomes new members from all over the world. Organizations and individuals who would like to join the JOCS are expected to send an application form to the JOCS.

As Editor-in-Chief, I think that it is important for us to aim at the following four pillars in developing the JOS further. They are Globalization (scientific knowledge and technology on global level), Originality (ability to make creative and inventive study), Ability (ability to solve various scientific problems) and Humanity (pregnant human nature that can contribute to a society through science).

It's my great pleasure to end up my foreword with asking you your warm support and contribution to the "Journal of Oleo Science" for the purpose of further progress of the Japan Oil Chemists' Society.