



Proceedings of the Estonian Academy of Sciences celebrates volume 70

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In 2021, the journal *Proceedings of the Estonian Academy of Sciences* celebrates the publication of its 70th volume. Over the past decades, this Journal has gained an international reputation thanks to the support of the scientific community, dedication of editors, and skills of the technical staff of the *Estonian Academy Publishers*. Today the *Proceedings* is abstracted/indexed in the most important databases, including Web of Science and Scopus, and listed in DOAJ. All published papers have immediate open-access according to the international license CC BY-NC, and the electronic versions of all publications are available online much earlier than their publication in the print version of the Journal. Thus, many expectations of the Editors have been met [1], providing a good starting point for future changes.

The Journal is published in collaboration with the University of Tartu, Tallinn University of Technology, Tallinn University, and the Estonian University of Life Sciences. The Editors and the International Editorial Board are pleased with the increasing quality of papers and thank the reviewers who have ensured this change.

The current Journal emerged in 2008 through merger of separate series of the Academy Proceedings [2], several of which were initially founded in 1952 [3]. Today all these separate series have been digitized and their content is freely available at <https://www.etera.ee> (issues 1952–1991) and at <https://google.books.com> (issues 1990–2006).

Being an international journal, which publishes papers in English, the *Proceedings* has declared responsibility for development of the Estonian language. Therefore, all the papers include also an abstract in Estonian. In the information-rich world, this helps to develop Estonian as a language of science.

The *Proceedings* is committed to the excellence requirements and supports the ideas emphasized in the recent EU document “A new ERA for Research and Innovation” [4]. This document states that “the ERA needs to be strengthened and Member States need to be incentivized to reinforce R&I at national and regional levels and to deepen cooperation at the European level”. In this context, the proposal of the Estonian Government to raise the public funding of research in 2021 to 1% of the GDP is very welcome. The editors of the *Proceedings* agree that



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these growth opportunities should be viewed as excellent challenges for all the members of the scientific community.

We do hope that the scientific papers in this and further volumes of the *Proceedings of the Estonian Academy of Sciences* serve the goals of accelerating the green and digital transformations in society, contribute to directing the research toward excellence, and facilitate the transition of research results into economy. Let us keep the *Proceedings* as a modern and high-quality journal to publish outstanding results at the frontiers of science.

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