

## Letter from the Editor

*Dear Reader,*

*We would like to present you the second part of issue No. 6, the last issue of year 2012 marked as issue No. 6B, about which we informed previously in issue No. 6A and in issue No. 5, where we also presented the contents assumed. While preparing the materials, we changed our previous plans a little, the number of articles written by the Institute's within researchers increased significantly, which was a great opportunity to show the present profile of the Institute's scientific activity, an occasion which will not happen again very soon. We also included a lecture of Prof. Błędzki entitled 'Biocomposites – in the Past and in the Future' specially prepared as a kind of preface and general historical review of the scientific problems of the Institute. It should be emphasized that the content of this issue excellently mirrors the effects of research carried out within the scope of great scientific international projects and programmes, as well as of the cooperation provided by governmental and international structural funds.*

*In this issue you can also find a brief historical reminiscence of the Director of the Institute Dr Danuta Ciechańska (a detailed history is presented at [www.ibwch.lodz.pl](http://www.ibwch.lodz.pl)), followed by a brief history of our journal. We are also glad to inform you that issue No. 6B/2012 as well as issue No. 1/2013 have been available online since 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012.*

*On the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the whole Editorial Staff of the journal wish the Director Dr Danuta Ciechańska, the members of Scientific Board and the whole staff of the Institute everlasting prosperity, many interesting subjects for research and great achievements on a domestic and international scale.*

*I would also like to thank our Editorial Staff, without whom it would not be possible to achieve and maintain the present position of the journal.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Editor-in-Chief*



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