

**LETTERS TO PROGRESS IN PHYSICS****Progress in Physics: Twentieth Year of Publication**Florentin Smarandache<sup>1</sup>, Andreas Ries<sup>2</sup>, Pierre Millette<sup>3</sup>, and Ebenezer Chifu<sup>4</sup>

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“All scientists shall have the right to present their scientific research results, in whole or in part, at relevant scientific conferences, and to publish the same in printed scientific journals, electronic archives, and any other media.”

Declaration of Academic Freedom, Article 8 [1]

With this inauguration of Volume 20 of *Progress in Physics*, the journal starts its twentieth year of publication, offering a much-needed avenue for the dissemination of truly scientific submissions that are written as proper scientific papers that are free of logical, mathematical and physical errors.

The journal *Progress in Physics* was created in January 2005 on behalf of many influential scientists with whom we were in correspondence. The main reason was that publications in other journals were allowed only if the submitter was affiliated with a scientific institution or research organization. Given this situation, many working scientists finding themselves partially employed or unemployed, such as in between research grants, find themselves unable to publish their research results. Even e-print archives such as Cornell’s arXiv required scientific affiliation and still follow this policy. This is why the Declaration of Academic Freedom was written and published in ten languages in *Progress in Physics* [1], and why the journal was started.

Since commencing in 2005, we have published 967 articles till now, which are accessed free of charge online. We have also distributed printed copies of the journal to major libraries of science throughout the world and offer open access online based on library preferences. The journal has a stable position among other scientific journals published by scientific institutions, and at the same time remains absolutely independent from any bureaucratic influence on the part of scientific organizations.

Our aim is to publish a professional journal by keeping a high professional level of operation. Therefore, we always review submitted papers accepting those that meet the requirements stated above, and rejecting those that are not written as proper scientific papers or that contain formal errors. We follow our major principle according to which we consider submissions on the basis of what has been written in the submissions, without any connection with the submitter’s affiliation, personality and other considerations.

This has allowed us to make our journal a repository for high quality scientific research over the last two decades. We still do everything to keep the high level of the journal, which is a great advantage for our authors. Our Editorial Team as-

ures our readers and authors that we will continue to adhere to this independent editorial policy in the future, thereby following the Declaration of Academic Freedom.

In conclusion, we have done, and will continue to do, everything to support the principles of open and free dissemination of scientific information in the future. We open this 20th anniversary volume of our journal with faith in the future and invite all researchers who want to publish their scientific results to submit their manuscripts to our journal.

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