
Editorial

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This is the fourth and the last issue of the first volume of *IJOGCT* which includes six articles in various areas of petroleum exploration, petroleum production and reservoir engineering, natural gas processing and modelling, integrated gas-to-liquid power generation process, pollution control in the petroleum and petrochemical industries, and experimental investigation on the ignitions delay of bio-diesel and its blends.

A total of 23 papers received positive evaluations each one by at least two reviewers for inclusion in these four issues of the first volume of journal. With this issue the first volume and first year of publication of *IJOGCT* comes to an end. During the first year, *IJOGCT* received positive evaluations by Chemical Abstract Service (www.cas.org) of the American Chemical Society for all abstracts coverage and I hope in the years ahead it will be covered by other online publishers so the journal papers will be accessible by researchers in different fields of relevance to the journal.

I am happy that Ms. Janet Marr (e-mail: janetmarr@ielan.com) has agreed to be the journal manager and the journal benefits from her years of experience in managing scientific journals and I appreciate her cooperation. At this time I would like to thank all the authors who submitted their research work to this journal and technical support from the journal editorial board members as well as people from Inderscience especially Dr. M.A. Dorgham, Mr. Jim Corlett (information manager), Dr. Jeanette R. Brooks (publication manager) and all technical staff involved in publication of *IJOGCT*.

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