
Editorial

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Biographical notes: M.R. Riazi is currently a Professor of Chemical Engineering at Kuwait University. He was previously an Assistant Professor at Pennsylvania State University, USA, where he also received his MS and PhD. He was also a Visiting Professor at several American, European and Canadian universities as well as worldwide Consultant for the petroleum industry. He is the author or co-author of more than 100 publications and is the sole author of three books and Founding Editor of *IJOGCT*. He has received a Diploma of Honour from the American Petroleum Engineering Society as well as several teaching and research awards.

This is the second issue of the fourth volume of *IJOGCT*. We have had three-years of successful publication in various areas of exploration, production, refining, and environmental issues related to oil, natural gas and coal resources. In addition, we have published extensively on biofuel production and properties over the last two-years. In 2010, Dr. Jorge Ancheyta, Prof. Abhijit Dandekar and Dr. Gabriela Sánchez-Reyna joined the team of associate editors and with new members the journal now enjoys the support of 50 board members who have reviewed submitted articles or helped to receive manuscripts for review.

The second special issue of *IJOGCT* was published as the first issue of 4th volume (V4 N1) and entitled 'Production of technically challenged oil and gas resources'. The issue was edited by Abhijit Y. Danndekar and Shirish L. Patil of University of Alaska (USA). We expect more special issues during this year and I hope that members of the editorial team will propose to sponsor special issues in areas of their own research interests related to the journal or will help in receiving quality manuscripts from their groups and colleagues.