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Dear readers, we are happy to announce launching of this journal. Its idea originated from discussion about possibilities of rapid publication of experimental results in the field of ion exchange and the accessibility of the published data. We concluded that there is no journal focused on publication of short forms of articles – short communications and letters, in the field of ion exchange and related fields.

Thus, we decided to found this journal. Partly, from the simple curiosity how difficult it will be, to put the journal together. The first and easiest step was to decide the title. The fact that the journal has to be internet based was clear from the beginning. As we have no funds to publish printed journal. The next question was where to host the pages. In this aspect the Computer Center of ICT Prague was very helpful to us. Then we contacted people we would like to ask for help in the editorial board. We were very pleasantly surprised with their responses. It is so nice to see that even they are very busy with their research, they are willing to help. Having the editorial board formed we moved to other technical questions. The preliminary version of web pages was written and tested.

Now as the pages of the journal are running, the survival and the future development of this journal depends purely on you. Though, this journal is specially focused on students and young researchers, we will accept contributions from all researchers in related fields as well. From our point of view, one the most important for the quality of an internet journal is the peer-review process that should be of the same quality as in the case of classical printed journals. The editors will put all their effort into it. We hope we can set up reliable network of reviewers. Spreading the information about the journal and its content to help others find the relevant articles in the Ion Exchange Letters easily is our another priority.

We hope that with your help we can succeed.