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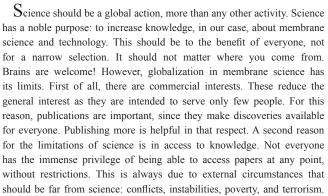
Membrane Research in a Global Context Requires Collaboration, not Competition

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Millions of brilliant minds - potential membranologists - are kept away from scientific information. You may be proud of your most recent paper, but don't forget to be thankful that you have been given the chance to study, to do experiments, and to report them. Many people can only dream of doing that, because they had no opportunities to go to a university, or if they had, to do anything with their knowledge. An unrestricted access to papers is a start - although much more can and should be done to give everyone the same chances. Globalization is making progress, but let's not forget that there is still a lot of work on the shelf.

This issue of Journal of Membrane Science and Research hopes to contribute to global knowledge. It has no restrictions on reading or writing, except one: quality of papers prevails. Today we have somewhat forgotten the noble purpose of science. Many researchers are writing because their career requires doing so. That is why they claim novelty with every detail that is different than already published. Researchers behave like competitors, having a benefit when they are the first or biggest in the market. We may have to look at novelty in a different way: does it inspire other researchers? Does it enhance collaboration rather than competition? Such positive attitude of providing help - and as said, particularly to our underprivileged colleagues - would make (membrane) science again a joyful experience.

We are lucky to have a more-than-average number of colleagues with a positive mind in membrane science and technology, but universities and research institutes around the globe have a rather different agenda. This journal will be a free zone, with thanks to Editor-in-Chief Ali Kargari. Keep this in mind when reading the articles, and enjoy them even more.

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