Systems Biology and Physiology Reports in 2021: a yearly report

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Dear All,

I am happy to greet all readers, editors, reviewers, staff members and publishers of SBPReports on the eve of year 2022. I thank all of you for your efforts in creating this journal and making it work despite all the challenges faced by a new independent journal in the age dominated by huge publishers, research societies and citation systems. Please accept my best wishes for the year 2022 in your professional and personal undertakings!

Where do we stand now, and what are our goals for 2022?

The scope and the style of the journal have become somewhat crystallized over this year. After a year of development, SBPReports boasts a highly professional and dedicated editorial board formed by experts in the systems biology field from Belarus, Canada, China, India, Russia, UK and USA. The three major sections of the edition are related to the three major levels of understanding of the biological systems: molecular [1,2], cellular [3,4], and organism [5,6] levels. The papers published in the four issues during this year include original articles [1,2,4,6], reviews [5,7–9], and methodological studies [10,11]. In addition, two large abstract collections Systems Biology and Systems Physiology Congress 2021 and International Congress devoted to the Memory of the Founders of Biophysics Department of Physics Faculty of Lomonosov Moscow State University – professor L.A. Blumenfeld and professor S.E. Shnoll have been published during this year as proceedings of two important international conferences in our field; the journal also served as a platform for the conference planning.

The following goals could be indicated for 2022.

1. We need to work on increasing the diversity of the subjects (which are presently dominated by immunology and hematology) and of the geography of the submissions.
2. The first essential steps towards inclusion in the citation systems (first of all, Russian Science Citation

Index and Directory of Open Access Journals) need to be undertaken.

3. finally, and most importantly, SBPReports will continue to publish novel and significant research to contribute to the knowledge of the complex biological systems.

Thank you for being with us this year, there is so much more to come.

On behalf of the SBPReports editorial board,
Mikhail Panteleev

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