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## 1st Meeting of Post-graduation in Chemistry of Paraná

Dear readers,

The volume 13 number 2 of the *Orbital* scientific periodic motivates us to continue our research in the field of Chemistry. From relevant works presented at the 1st Postgraduate Meeting in Chemistry of Paraná, from September 17th to 20th, 2019, the event showed an essential interaction between researchers, undergraduate, and graduate students, and research topics addressed by the various high-quality scientific groups located in the Universities of Paraná. The motivation to present research on scientific solutions aimed at relevant issues such as energy and the environment was remarkable. The main issues as solutions were the Foto-Fenton process, solar cells, recycling, heterogeneous photocatalysis, treatment for pesticides, corrosion, and computational chemistry. Significantly, research in all fields has been very restricted due to funding difficulties from the federal and state governments. Pseudoscience and the so-called “fake news” have confused the population on an alarming scale, creating a false sense that the scientific method, exhaustively tested and improved, seems to be an instrument from a political/ideological point of view condescending to the previous opinion of the author. External reflections or results regarding serious problems have incited despicable discussions with anachronistic thoughts, motivating a succession of doubtful and very unethical attitudes about the well-being of society.

To Prof. Sérgio Toshio Fujiwara, in memory of his outstanding dedication to science committed to contributing to the improvement of society, technology, and innovation. A teacher aligned with the values of quality public education at the undergraduate and graduate levels. A valuable person dedicated to family, University, mentors, and friends. The construction of this particular issue required the dedication of many people, editors, authors, reviewers, organizers, graphic art, and others. Therefore, we thank *Orbital* for the opportunity to experience all the concerns and care involved in creating and maintaining a scientific journal committed to metrics on the quality of science. I renew the invitation to read and learn about the published works.

Best wishes and health.

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