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This issue proves that a sufficiently quick publication of papers in English from different East European countries is possible. Maybe this could encourage a discussion about usefulness of the creation of an East European Chemical Journal, as a supplement to the joint chemical journals created in recent years by West European Chemical Societies.

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