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## Thirtieth Anniversary of the Department of Chemistry of the Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana

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The Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana (UAM) was founded in 1974, as one of the national alternatives to attend the growing demand for public university education in Mexico. The UAM was created with an organizational structure, novel for its time, proposing, among other things, the figure of professor-researcher as the principal axis of the institution. These professor-researchers were grouped into departments, in order to perform teaching, research and cultural diffusion; one of those was the Chemistry and Physics Department, which was formed as a new approach to integrate these two disciplines. In 1977, the research interests developed at that time required the creation of the Physics and Chemistry Departments. In the founding of the latter, it was resolved to cultivate disciplines related to physical chemistry that were, at that time, untraditional in Mexico, in order to develop a distinctive personality of chemistry on the national level. In 2007, the Chemistry Department of the UAM's Iztapalapa campus celebrated 30 years since its foundation. During this period, the different research areas have been consolidated and, at present, are extensively recognized at the national and international level, not only for the quality of the research, but also for the quantity and quality of the Masters and Doctoral students

that have developed their postgraduate work in the Chemistry Department. In order to document the quality and diversity of the research that is taking place in the Chemistry Department at the UAM Iztapalapa, and to promote further interinstitutional collaborations, we have prepared this issue of the *Journal of the Mexican Chemical Society*, which contains contributions from different professors-researchers of the Department. This issue is only a broad sampling of the research that is cultivated, and it is not intended to be exhaustive. We are grateful to the Editorial Committee for having given us the opportunity to leave written testimony of the XXX anniversary of the founding of the Chemistry Department at the UAM Iztapalapa. We also wish to thank all of the national and international reviewers for their evaluations and suggestions which enriched the quality of the articles published here. We acknowledge the financial support of Dr. Juan Méndez, head of Chemistry Department, for the page charge payment for all the articles contained in this issue.

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