

Dear reader,

This is another new scientific periodical journal. At the beginning we can find that there is a number of different magazines and appearance in print of the new one seems to be baseless. Do we really need another periodical of social sciences when many of those, established earlier or in recent years and analyzing the discussing subject, already exist in Lithuania as well as in foreign countries. But this is not true. A publication dedicated to the problems of Natural Science Education hasn't been created yet in Lithuania. I dare to say that neither Latvia nor Estonia has such a magazine. This is a very strong point when arguing urgency of the publication. Practice shows, that often one of the publications represents single psychological, pedagogic or sociologic articles which do not accomplish interdisciplinary and do not induce developing of thinking. It is important to notice that they hardly can be found being interdependent when analyzing the problems. Thus, firstly the new periodical should realize this idea.

Secondly, attention being paid to Natural Science Education is noticeably increasing in many countries. At last it has been perceived that Natural Science and technology literacy of the environment is extremely important. It is a paradox, that designating the 21st century as the one of modern biology, we have to state that Natural Science and technology literacy of the environment (particularly of the young generation) is insufficient. It is obvious that Natural Science Education has to include both systems of education - formal and informal. Natural Science Education is needed in all periods of human ontogenesis. It is also the specific and distinctive one in all phases of age. Additionally, it is necessary to emphasize that not detailed and inexpedient Natural Science Education and insufficient knowledge about nature and the human's phenomenon itself bring mankind nearer to the social cataclysms. Appreciating the above-presented information, we can clearly find that Natural Science Education mustn't stay sideways from the main position in the secondary or higher school. On the contrary, this is one of the basic spheres nowadays as well as in the future. The 21st century appears as the one of biology not only in a sense of intellectuality. The questions about morality including respect to nature and living in harmony with it become far more important. Finally, human must perceive that he cannot grow into the Lord of Nature. Hence, Natural Science Education must be devoted to the service to perception.

Thus, the aim of the new scientific periodical will be trying to discover the main questions of Natural Science Education exposing the most complicated problems and finding out an inter-disciplinable integral character of Natural Science Education. Therefore, we are particularly expecting works complexly analyzing one of the pressing subjects related with natural science. We will also make an effort to present varieties of modern research of natural science including historical point of view, philosophical reflection, empiric kind of research, experience of construction of research methods. Experience of other countries as well as those from the Baltic region will be represented in this particular sphere. Different positions, views and opinions are the required striking power stimulating effective researching of natural science problems.

Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania appear as three small Baltic States where people stand as the main erudition. We must strive for recognition that their ability to act satisfied modern worldwide requirements. Fund of human knowledge is being transformed into one of the basic factors in developing of any country and growth of that is a strategic task for us.

We would like to invite you to join us when advancing the process of Natural Science Education. Your experience is inestimable. I believe that this international periodical including material of scientific works will manage to make a dialogue with experts of Natural Science Education in many countries and thus, will help with analyzing and making decisions of the urgent problems of the discussing subject. I also expect the periodical will find his reader and will be recognized by academic society. Moreover, it will be an excellent way of representing the most significant experience of all three Baltic States in the sphere of Natural Science Education at an international level.

Good luck JBSE!

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