The journal “Mathematical Modelling of Natural Phenomena” was launched in 2006. In the beginning, it published only topical issues, each issue had its own board composed of several leading experts in the field who invited renowned authors to contribute. At that time, such functioning was relatively new and it inspired some other journals. It provided the journal with interesting topics and papers, but on the counterpart, it required permanent efforts in the organization of topical issues. This work brought its results, and several years later the journal was indexed in the main databases with the corresponding metric indicators. Altogether, we published more than 100 topical issues in a large range of topics in chemistry, physics, biology, and other sciences.

The model based on topical issues has its advantages and disadvantages, but last years it becomes less attractive and sometimes criticized. After a short transient period with a hybrid functioning, the journal moved to generic issues divided into broad research areas like population dynamics, biomedical modeling, and so on.

Organizing and editing this journal, I had an exciting and enriching experience in scientific and editorial questions, and also in communication with authors, editors, staff members. I hope that the journal has gained some visibility and reputation. But it is now time to move forward and to leave this heritage to the next generations of scientists and scientific editors. I wish them further success in this interesting and important work.

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