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I am happy to present you the new number of the journal Oil Shale. I hope you will enjoy reading it and find a lot of useful information for yourself in this issue. I would like to thank all authors and readers for being with us, all reviewers for their thorough work, and the Editorial Board and my team for their contribution, help and support. I am especially grateful to Editor-in-Chief Anto Raukas for his long-term cooperation with Oil Shale, his constructive remarks and invaluable advice. In the name of all of us, I would also like to take here the opportunity to congratulate Anto Raukas on his 80th jubilee.

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