

Preface

This issue is prepared based on materials of the 12th “Siberian Aerosols” Workshop. Our scientific community has already covered a long and glorious path and made a serious researching work. During these years our ranks were replenished by new members, mostly by young scientists, that gives a particular confidence in our future.

I will not dwell on our achievements. I simply cite a few phrases from the review made by the Academician K.Ya. Kondratyev (*Atmospheric and Oceanic Optics*, 2006, V. 19, No. 1, p. 2): “The impact of aerosol on climate is a key item among the sources of uncertainties in assessing the causes of climate changes nowadays and possible causes in future... Intense development of the corresponding activities makes us to turn to analysis of most recent studies in this field, primarily of the studies of aerosol properties and their spatiotemporal variability. In this connection, the Siberian Aerosols Program should be mentioned in the first place. The research results obtained under this Program have been extensively discussed, in particular, in the topical issue of the journal *Atmospheric and Oceanic Optics* (2005, V. 18, Nos. 5–6).”

It is no mere chance that this issue is opened by paper of V.V. Rykova, a scientific worker of the State Public Scientific-Technical Library SB RAS, because the interest of specialists in analysis of information flows to our sphere of activity itself argues for the importance our investigations.

I hope that our informal scientific community united by the “Siberian Aerosols” Workshop will maintain a creative working atmosphere for long.

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