

The 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin falls on 12 February 2009. This special issue of our faculty's official journal, *Hacettepe Journal of Biology and Chemistry*, is dedicated to the honor of Charles Darwin, an exceptional scientist who has an impact on the natural and social sciences, politics, religions, and philosophy, on art and cultural relations.

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We feel very proud of the final outcome and hope the reviews will help researchers and those from related and unrelated disciplines to go along the long and winding road.

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