

DEDICATION

Celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2025, the Palladin Institute of Biochemistry of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine is the country's leading academic center for biochemical research, advancing fundamental discoveries, training new generations of scientists, and translating research into healthcare, biotechnology, education, and the international scientific community.

The history of the Ukrainian Biochemical Journal (UBJ) is closely intertwined with that of the Palladin Institute of Biochemistry: both were founded by Oleksandr Palladin, and the Journal is only one year younger than the Institute. Throughout its history – including World War II and the ongoing Russian invasion of Ukraine – the UBJ has remained a resilient platform for communicating high-quality biochemical research.

On 2 July 2026, while the Editorial Board was preparing the fourth issue of the Ukrainian Biochemical Journal, the Palladin Institute of Biochemistry faced yet another devastating challenge. During a massive Russian drone attack on Kyiv, two drones struck one of the Institute's laboratory buildings. The attack caused extensive destruction, severely damaging the roof, destroying several laboratories, and affecting many others through fire, firefighting efforts, and subsequent rainwater infil-

tration. Despite these losses, the Institute and the Journal continued their work, demonstrating the resilience and determination of Ukraine's scientific community to preserve research, education, and scientific communication even under wartime conditions.

In light of these events, the Editorial Board of the Ukrainian Biochemical Journal has dedicated this issue to the scientists, students, and staff of the Palladin Institute of Biochemistry. Their unwavering commitment to science, remarkable resilience, and courage in the face of war embody the enduring spirit of the Ukrainian scientific community. Despite the destruction of laboratories, the loss of equipment, and the constant threat to their safety, they continue to conduct research, educate young scientists, publish their findings, and contribute to Ukraine's defense and future recovery. We hope this issue stands as a tribute to their dedication and as a testament to the vital role of science in preserving knowledge, supporting society, and sustaining hope, even in the darkest of times.

To support the restoration of the damaged research facilities and help preserve one of Ukraine's oldest scientific institutions, an international crowdfunding campaign has been launched. Contributions can be made through the Help Palladin initiative: <https://helppalladin.org/>.

