

A Source of Joy ...

For editors is the manuscripts that arrive each day. Towards the end of the last century, we used to expectantly open the mail once a day at *Angewandte Chemie*, and it was not every day that a new manuscript arrived. Today, a new article can be seen arriving online at any time of the day or night: a new Communication arrives about every 90 minutes! The manuscripts come (from our point of view) mostly from Asia in the first third of the day (that is, the night), mostly

throughs are described. The editors' thanks go to our authors, who are the source of the manuscripts.

Sources can continuously bubble, they can dry up and spring forth anew, they can move around, or, like geysers, after short or long periods of rest, they can generate wonderful fountains in the air. The production of manuscripts by authors appears to be similar: although the bureaucratic pressure in research forces a continuous generation of manuscripts, the output correlates by necessity with the availability of creative spirit, available finances, and personnel, in particular, the number and quality of graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.

We are particularly delighted to receive the first manuscript from a young author, but those from the return customers are also very welcome! In an Editorial several years ago, I presented a list of authors who had published the

most articles in *Angewandte Chemie* between 1962 (the founding year of the International Edition) and 2003 (see *Angew. Chem.* **2004**, *116*, 3702–3704; *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2004**, *43*, 3618–3620). In Table 1, all the authors who have published more than 20 manuscripts from the beginning of 2000 to November 21, 2008 are presented. These authors no doubt had plenty of the abovementioned production means available, and in particular, a high sense of quality. Starting in this issue of *Angewandte Chemie*, we will be presenting a new section entitled “Author Profiles” (see page 25), in which we

A Communication every 90 minutes

from Europe in the middle third, and predominantly from America in the last third. The level of joy naturally correlates with the quality of the manuscripts, and is particularly large when break-

New: Author Profiles

announce whenever an author has attained Silver or Gold status; that is, when they have published more than 25 or 50 manuscripts, respectively, in *Angewandte Chemie* since January 1, 2000. Authors who have recently published their tenth paper in this journal will be more extensively highlighted. With these “Author Profiles” we inform our readers about successful young researchers who are perhaps not yet well known outside their own research area, but would certainly be good choices to be invited to conferences, etc. More established researchers will of course also be profiled once they reach the ten-paper threshold. The Author Profiles will describe the researcher *and* the person as far as is possible in one page. After a short biography, the profiled author will give a view of their world, through completing statements provided by the editorial office. On top of that, they will name the five publications that they believe are their most important, and this does not mean they are the most cited, or the most downloaded, or whatever else “most” pertains to, but rather the masterpieces! We provide an updated all-time list on our homepage, in

Table 1: Authors with the most contributions in *Angewandte Chemie* from the beginning of 2000 to November 2008.

Name	Publications	Name	Publications
Nicolaou, K. C.	95	Jansen, Martin	25
Danishefsky, Samuel J.	44	Kobayashi, Shū	25
Knochel, Paul	41	Reetz, Manfred T.	25
Waldmann, Herbert	40	Aida, Takuzo	24
Müllen, Klaus	38	Kim, Kimoon	24
Fujita, Makoto	34	Ley, Steven V.	24
Fröhlich, Roland	33	Férey, Gérard	23
Roesky, Herbert W.	33	Fu, Gregory C.	23
Barluenga, José	32	Whitesides, George M.	23
Braunschweig, Holger	32	Kitagawa, Susumu	22
Carreira, Erick M.	31	Nieger, Martin	22
Willner, Itamar	31	Niemeyer, Christof M.	22
Osuka, Atsuhiko	30	Radacki, Krzysztof	22
Jørgensen, Karl Anker	29	Corma, Avelino	21
Wong, Chi-Huey	29	Kunz, Horst	21
Diederich, François	28	Möhwald, Helmuth	21
Fürstner, Alois	28	Shinkai, Seiji	21
Bertrand, Guy	27	Thomas, John Meurig	21
Mirkin, Chad A.	27	Wernsdorfer, Wolfgang	21
Schnöckel, Hansgeorg	27	Buchwald, Stephen L.	20
Stoddart, J. Fraser	27	Giannis, Athanassios	20
Baran, Phil S.	26	Leigh, David A.	20
Beller, Matthias	26	Mulvey, Robert E.	20
Trost, Barry M.	26	Que, Lawrence	20

which all the authors who have published more than 50 contributions in *Angewandte Chemie* since 1962 are given. Furthermore, a regularly updated list of authors who have had nine or more articles published in *Angewandte Chemie* since 2000 is also provided on our homepage.

The beginning of a new volume, the 121st for *Angewandte Chemie* and the 48th for the *International Edition*, is good reason for retrospect. Again in 2008, more Communications were submitted (+7.7%), published (+5.6%), and rejected (see Figure 1–3). Whereas in the years up to 2008, the growth of the number of manuscripts from China was well above average, in 2008, other countries have taken over this role (see Figure 4): Italy (+59%), Australia (+48%), Spain (+29%), Israel (+28%), and South Korea (+23%).

The rejection rate, which has risen slightly from 73% to 74%, and the increase in the number of published Communications has allowed a further reduction in the publication times. In the last quarter of 2008, Communications were published in around only 90 days on average(!), and 50% of the Communications were published in as little as 75 days, as calculated in each case from original submission to online publication.

Angewandte Chemie, the flagship journal of the German Chemical Society (Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker; GDCh) has a series of sister journals that are published by 14 European and by 11 Asian chemical societies. Together with the Asian Chemical Editorial Society (ACES), Wiley-VCH publishes *Chemistry—An Asian Journal*, which in 2009 is in its fourth year, and alongside

Full Papers and Focus Reviews, now publishes Communications. Highlights of the last year were Issues 2 and 8/9, which were dedicated to Professors Teruaki Mikaiyama and Ryoji Noyori on the occasion of their 80th and 70th birthdays, respectively. The European counterpart, *Chemistry—A European Journal*, is the top journal of the “Chemical Publishing Society Europe” (Chem-PubSoc Europe), which operated under the name “Editorial Union of Chemical Societies” (EUChemSoc) until mid-2008. The renaming is explained by Wolfram Koch, executive director of

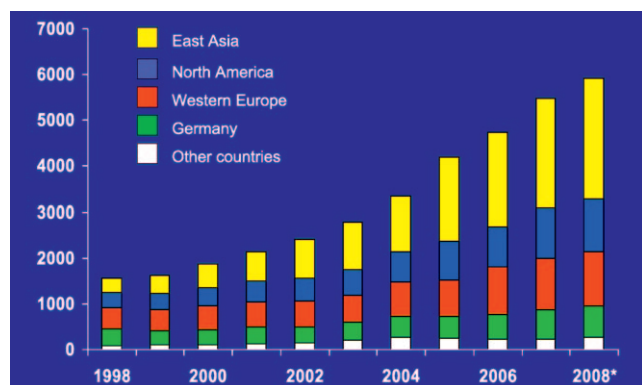


Figure 1. Overall development and distribution by region of submitted Communications over the last ten years. *: extrapolated from the first ten calendar months.

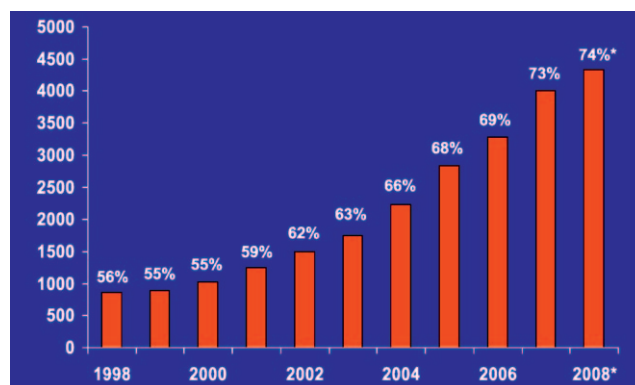


Figure 2. Trend in the rejection rate for Communications over the last ten years. *: extrapolated from the first ten calendar months.

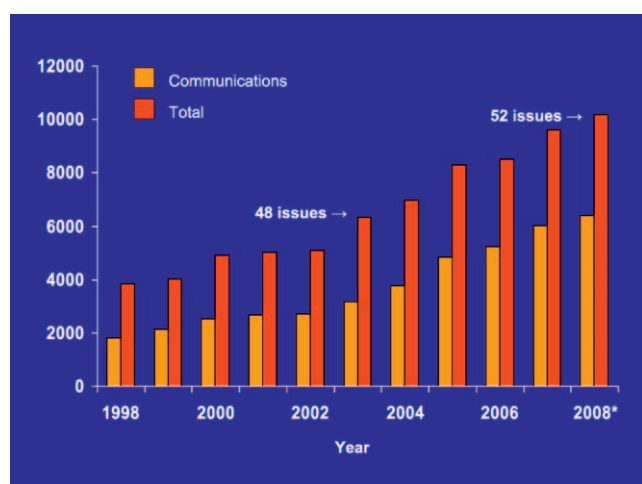


Figure 3. Trend in the number of pages published over the last ten years. *: extrapolated from the first ten calendar months.

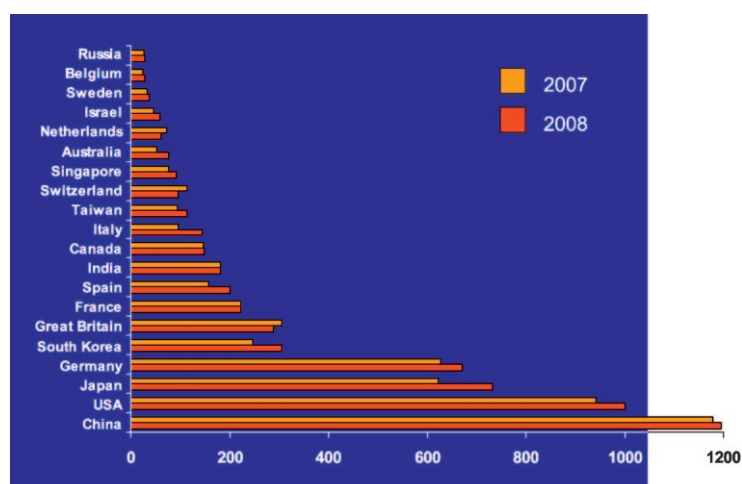
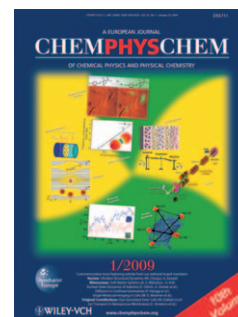
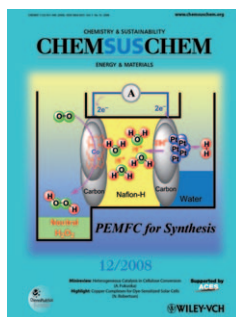


Figure 4. Number of submitted Communications in 2007 and 2008 (extrapolated from the first ten months) from the countries that contribute more than 20 manuscripts per year.



the GDCh, in an Editorial that will appear in Issue 1/2009 of all ChemPubSoc Europe journals. In 2008, *Chemistry—A European Journal* received about 33 % more manuscripts: of note, the new Communications section was particularly successful; for this section alone, circa 500 contributions were submitted in the first year!

Among the journals that are dedicated to subdisciplines of chemistry, the new journals *ChemMedChem* and *ChemSusChem* have started outstandingly. In its third year, *ChemMedChem*

has already received almost 500 contributions, and 205 contributions were published over almost 2000 pages; all indications point to *ChemMedChem*

having already established itself as one of the leading journals in medicinal chemistry. In its first year, *ChemSusChem* published 140 contributions over 1050 pages, and it published articles on all themes in which sustainability and chemistry come together, in accord with the slogan of the journal: “Sustainability—Chemistry is Key!” Please note that from the next year, institutional subscriptions to *Angewandte Chemie* no longer include free and automatic access to *ChemSusChem*.

In 2009, *ChemBioChem* and *ChemPhysChem* each begin their tenth year with a jubilant anniversary issue in which members of the Editorial Boards contribute manuscripts. Since the first issues of *ChemBioChem* and *ChemPhysChem* appeared in summer 2000,

their progress has always been upwards, and their acceptance can be seen in that over the last year, almost 900 manuscripts were received and, with a rejection rate of over 50 %, about 3000 pages were published. In the last decade, chemical biology has established itself as an interdisciplinary field, and in Issue 1/2009 of *ChemBioChem*, short statements of about half a page each will appear, in which leading scientists will highlight the current state of their research field within chemical biology. A similar feature will appear in Issue 1/2009 of *ChemPhysChem* for physical chemistry, which has increasingly turned to the interdisciplinary themes “bio and nano”, although the classic topics, for example spectroscopy and catalysis, have received new impetus and new areas of application. The jubilee issues will have free access online (www.chembiochem.org and www.chemphyschem.org).

The aforementioned classical theme of catalysis has always, and particularly in 2008, received special attention in *Angewandte Chemie*: not only because about 20 % of the published articles contained the term catalysis in their title, but because we published a Topical Issue (No. 48/2008) celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Catalysis Society of Japan. In 2009, we will no doubt be engaged as always in this theme, as, for example, the 100th anniversary of the award of the Nobel Prize to Wilhelm Ostwald is to be celebrated. In any case, catalysis is the key chemical technology for the environmentally and resource-friendly production of bulk and specialty chemicals, for the renewable production of energy, for efficient combustion

processes, and so on. It is not surprising then that ChemPubSoc Europe and Wiley-VCH will increase their journal product scope with the launch of *ChemCatChem*. Catalysis research is traditionally divided into the fields of heterogeneous, homogeneous, and biocatalysis, although the music term “crossover”

New journal in 2009 ChemCatChem

is increasingly observed in discussions, and this broad, open handling of the topic of catalysis will feature in *ChemCatChem* as a new sister journal of *Angewandte Chemie*; the launch is planned for the second half of the year. Various challenges are waiting our editorial office in 2009, and our offer to you, our reader, should also be varied, to help you to master your challenges. The editorial team at *Angewandte Chemie* wish you every success in achieving this!

Peter Göllitz

PS: In accordance with the statutes, Dr. Hartmut Wiezer will leave the Editorial Board of *Angewandte Chemie* at the end of 2008. On behalf of the editorial office, the publishers, and the GDCh, I thank him for his great dedication to the journal. We welcome Professors R. A. Fischer, B. Voit, and H. Wild as new members of the Editorial Board (see page 24 ff.).