

Editorial

This issue initiates the 16th year of publication of *Applied Organometallic Chemistry*. We began in 1987 with six issues and now produce twelve, having doubled our annual page total in the past six years to about 900. Readers may be interested in where our papers come from: about 50% of the papers have authors from Western Europe including the UK, 20% from North America and 20% from Japan. Eastern Europe has grown in recent years to about 12% of our authors and East Asia now contributes about 5%, the Indian sub-continent about 5% and other parts of the world about 6%. Perceptive readers may worry that this adds up to more than 100%, but we are counting the locations of all our authors here! We have quite a few multinational papers.

To start volume 16 we have redesigned and refocused the Journal, to highlight our subject areas more clearly. In order to grow the Journal further, we plan a few more changes this year, including some new Editorial Board members and closer contacts with our Readers.

Looking back on 15 years of publication, as Editor I very much want to record my appreciation of past and present members of the Editorial and Advisory Boards and the hundreds of Reviewers who have made an invaluable contribution to the Journal, and without whose help its continuous and prompt appearance over this time would not have been possible.

I also want to thank my colleagues at Wileys, who have ensured that material sent to them by myself and other Editorial colleagues is converted into the neat and professional publishing job that I believe *Applied Organometallic Chemistry* has become. I want to express my appreciation in particular to Martin Rothlisberger, my Publishing Editor at Wiley, and to Anne Shardlow, the Wiley Production Editor for the Journal, who over many years now has always politely but firmly kept me on track on production matters, and who probably is more responsible than anyone else for the smooth production referred to above.

Finally, no Editor can function without the confidence of his or her authors. I deeply appreciate the continuing commitment of all our authors around the world who have sent so much of their work to the Journal since its inception. On behalf of all our Editors and of John Wiley, we send them our deep appreciation and thanks.

Peter Craig
Editor-in-Chief