

Editorial: Main Group Metal Compounds

The chemistry of the main group elements has been traditionally a very active research area of both organometallic and metal coordination chemistry and, indisputably, has major growth potential. As such, the dissemination of recent outstanding and significant results requires a readily accessible and quality medium for publication.

In order to address this need, a new, fourth section 'Main Group Metal Compounds' will be integrated from January 2003 into the recently developed 'sections' concept for *Applied Organometallic Chemistry* (AOC). This will enable scientists to submit papers devoted to the chemistry, to the structure and to the applications of compounds containing the main group elements. Section 4 of AOC will not be restricted to organometals and will include semi-metals and the d^{10} transition metals, a metal-carbon bond not being an essential requirement for this Section. The scope of papers can extend to physical studies, including theoretical calculations. Besides reviews and regular papers, one-journal-page X-ray crystallographic reports are also invited.

We believe that this new development for AOC will allow a more complete coverage of our subject area and we look forward to publishing new and exciting research in this field over the coming years.

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