

## Publishers' Announcement

Elsevier is pleased to announce a number of improvements to *Carbohydrate Research*, as part of its continued efforts to improve services for both authors and readers.

- Firstly, we would like to welcome Todd L. Lowary, of The University of Alberta, who has been appointed as a new Editor of *Carbohydrate Research* from 1st January 2004.
- Readership of the Journal via ScienceDirect continues to grow at an impressive rate. During 2003, the number of full text downloads have doubled compared to 2002 to over 0.25 million. Also all issues back to volume 1 issue 1 from 1965 are now available on ScienceDirect.
- *Carbohydrate Research* received the Science Spotlight award from the CAS for the most requested article of 2002 (and to date of 2003) [www.cas.org/spotlight/index.html](http://www.cas.org/spotlight/index.html)
- Citations to *Carbohydrate Research* continue to increase and its 2002 impact factor was 1.631, compared to 1.349 in 2001 (ISI Journal Citation Reports).
- *Carbohydrate Research* articles can now feature supplementary data files. These will be hosted alongside the online version of an article on ScienceDirect. The presence of these files will be signified by a footnote to the article title, and within the text of the paper. For further information please see the latest guide for authors.
- Authors can now supply both black and white and coloured versions of their figures, with the colour versions appearing online for free, even if the author elects to publish the black and white version in print. Authors will continue to benefit from the reproduction (in print) of two free colour figures where scientifically necessary, 25 free offprints, liberal copyright policies and a 30% discount off most Elsevier book titles when ordered directly from Elsevier.
- Authors are continuing to embrace the electronic facilities provided by *Carbohydrate Research* including online submission (see the Journal's home page [www.elsevier.com/locate/carres](http://www.elsevier.com/locate/carres)), online tracking of their papers through the production process and rapid publication as an Article in Press on ScienceDirect.
- With the dramatic increase in online usage of *Carbohydrate Research*, the Journal has taken the decision to reduce the number of paper issues it publishes from 24 to 18 during 2004, whilst aiming to increase the number of papers published. This initiative has been taken so that more resources can be directed to reducing the Journal's online publication time.
- We are pleased to announce that the 2003 *Carbohydrate Research* Award was presented to Professor Geert-Jan Boons during the EuroCarb symposium in Grenoble. An announcement regarding the award and the award paper from Professor Boons will appear in a subsequent issue.
- The 2004 cover has been redesigned and features an image provided by Professor Boons. If you have a suggestion for next year's cover please contact the Publisher.
- The graphical abstract contents pages have been designed to give a quicker, clearer overview of the contents of each issue. All graphical abstracts will be typeset so authors only need to supply a graphic and up to 50 words describing their paper. The layout has also simplified the requirements in that authors only have to ensure that the content of the graphical abstract (title of paper, author list, suitable graphic and up to 50 words describing the paper) will fit within an area measuring 50 mm by 170 mm.
- If you have any comments or suggestions regarding further improvements to the Journal please feel free to contact the Publisher.

We wish all our readers and authors a Happy New Year and success during 2004.

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