

Preface

Well here we are at Volume 200! The first major CCR milestone was Volume 50, published in 1983. This appeared with a silver cover and occurred some 17 years after the inception of the Journal. The next milestone was obviously Volume 100, with a gold cover, in 1990, some 7 years after Volume 50. Volume 150, appearing in 1996, was, in fact a book, written by Ivano Bertini and Claudio Luchinat and appeared in hard cover in a somewhat lurid pink color. At this rather accelerating rate we can look forward to Volume 1000 by about 2043!

At its inception, in 1966, coordination chemistry was a well recognized area of inorganic chemistry which probably represented most of inorganic chemistry except for that understood as organometallic chemistry which stood apart. Over the years the Journal has grown to encompass all aspects of inorganic chemistry including main group, solid state, organometallic and bioinorganic chemistry. The name of the journal is now, perhaps, not so appropriate but the journal and its name are so well established, it would be difficult to change it.

The breadth of the coverage of the journal is exemplified by the content of this special celebratory 200th issue. Browsing through the contents we find a rather even distribution between what might be termed coordination chemistry (eight chapters), bioinorganic topics (eleven chapters), organometallic aspects (five chapters) and a variety of physical inorganic subjects (seven chapters) where, in many cases, the chapters clearly cross these boundaries.

Following this preface, we reproduce the preface to Volume 100 published only 10 years ago. Since publication of Volume 100, there have been many special issues highlighting inorganic chemistry in many countries including Latin America, Spain, Germany, France and Australia. Volumes have also been dedicated to some of the major world figures in inorganic chemistry, specifically Joseph Chatt, John Bailar, Fred Basolo, Luigi Sacconi, Kees Vrieze, Ralph Pearson and Vittorio Carassiti. The 'Celebration of Inorganic Lives' interview series, which began 10 years ago, has been immensely successful and is recognized this year by the publication of a hard cover version of all the interviews to date, to be distributed at the upcoming 34th International Conference on Coordination Chemistry (ICCC) taking place in Edinburgh in July 2000. An association between CCR and the ICCC conferences has been forged, beginning with the Florence 33rd ICCC. A golden anniversary

edition of CCR, in association with the 34th ICCC, will celebrate the 50th year of these ICCC conferences.

Other special issues have included cluster chemistry, bioinorganic and biomedical chemistry, charge transfer spectroscopy, quantum theory, aluminium, and macrocyclic chemistry and crystal engineering. A special relationship also exists between CCR and the International Symposia on the Photochemistry and Photophysics of Coordination Compounds (ISPPCC) with special issues dedicated to their invited lectures.

Next year we will change to a new format, a larger format, namely the standard US A4 size commonly used in scientific publishing. The next 10 years will also see much greater use of electronic media and the Web and greater use of colour. Electronic submission of manuscripts is now becoming possible and all issues of the Journal are accessible, to subscribers, on the World Wide Web via <http://www.elsevier.nl/locate/ccr>. Contributors are invited to include colour figures which will appear in the electronic version on the Web, but unless essential for clarification, will likely appear in b/w in the printed version. A supporting information site has also been set up. An interactive link to this site is possible, e.g. through use of CHIME software and the inclusion of CHIME readable structures. Finally I can do no more than to repeat the end of the Preface to Volume 100 by thanking the management at Elsevier, the Editorial Board, the referees and all the contributors of CCR over the years for their continuing support. Finally, thank you, the reader, for making the journal so successful. Keep those manuscripts arriving at my editorial door!

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