

A Word From Your Senior Editor

Dear authors and readers,

At the beginning of the 5th year of life of EurJIC there is a shared feeling of satisfaction for the high ISI ranking obtained by the Journal (2.222 is the first Impact Factor). It represents the success of

**First Impact
Factor 2.222**

the whole community of Inorganic Chemistry. Also the opinion that the chemistry of metal ions is growing in relative importance together with the growth of metal-based catalysis, material sciences, life sciences and environmental chemistry can be heard in Inorganic Chemistry circles. Together with this expansion of inorganic chemistry, the comprehension of the mechanisms of reactions and transformations increases, thanks to the new power of analytical and theoretical tools.

It is with pleasure that we note that the Nobel Committee awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry

**Impetus to
Organometallic
Chemistry**

for 2001 to William S. Knowles and Ryoji Noyori for their work on chirally catalysed hydrogenation reactions, and K. Barry Sharpless for his work on chirally catalysed oxidation reactions. They can be defined as organometallic/metallorganic chemists! This must give impetus to this branch of Inorganic Chemistry.

**Tenth
participating
society**

The number of chemical societies that own the journal has also increased. We welcome the Hungarian Chemical Society and its members, and in particular the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, who merged one of their chemical journals with EurJIC to make this cooperation possible. Once again, one more journal has disappeared through this amalgamation.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the Editors and Advisory Board members for their dedication to the Journal. In particular I would like to mention Robert Schoonheydt, Sergio Cenini, and Jacques Livage, who have enthusiastically served until now, and to welcome Guy Bertrand, Pablo Espinet, Anton W. Gal, Tamás Kiss, Maurizio Peruzzini, Rinaldo Poli, Eduardo Ruiz-Hitzky, and Dieter Vogt, the newly appointed members – a dynamic organization thrives on the new ideas that a continuous rotation of the members brings.

**New board
members**

In wishing you a successful new year, I also solicit you to sustain the journal in all the ways that you can: the success of the journal is due to contributors and referees and, of course, to readers.

Finally, the present standard of the journal could not be reached without the excellent performances of the managing editor and of the editorial team. Thanks to all of them. Our aim for next year is to publish, fast, the best papers in the field.

Ivano Bertini
Senior Editor



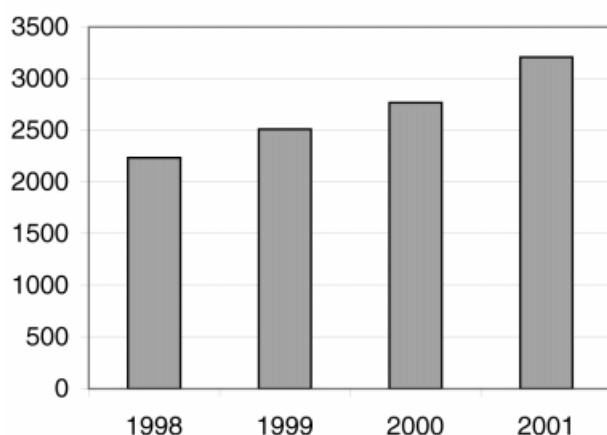
A Word From Your Editorial Office:

Many people from authors, referees, and editors to compositors, bookbinders, freelance copy-editors and language-polishers put their best work into producing a high-quality journal. My thanks go to all of them. It has been an exciting year for the European Journal of Inorganic Chemistry, commonly called EurJIC by the ten European Chemical Societies, who own the journals. The nickname, pronounced “Your”JIC, caught on and

**Authors invited
to submit
cover picture**

has now been anchored in the new design of the cover. This innovation was prompted by the long-awaited ISI Impact Factor, which was announced to be 2.222, a good start. A high impact can only come from excellent papers from our authors – now each month authors will have the opportunity to present their chemistry on the front cover. We invite our authors to submit suggestions for this coveted position.

Number of Published Pages EurJIC



Last year EurJIC provided you with about 400 more pages of high-quality chemistry than in 2000. Publication times have been reduced (t_{50} now 4.6 months from received date to Web publication for the last quarter of 2001), although we are generous

with the time we allow authors to include the improvements suggested by the referees, in order to achieve optimum quality. We do not automatically consider a paper that required over six weeks for revision as a new submission. Precedence is an important aspect for EurJIC, so we request the resubmission of a manuscript only if additional experimental work constitutes a significant part of the revision. We also like to provide referees with enough time to assess a manuscript critically and provide the author with stimulating comments. To reduce postal delays, we send PDF files to request a referee report. Nevertheless, you ALWAYS have the option of asking for a hard copy. I appeal to referees not to click away such e-mails. If your workload does not allow a timely assessment of the manuscript, let the office know promptly. Only if all steps in peer review are efficient, can we give authors the fast response that they expect.

New technologies have also shortened publication times. The EarlyView feature of Wiley Inter Science gives you fully citable papers from EurJIC up to five weeks in advance of print. In particular Short Communications form the focus of this service. Thus the accelerated procedure that starts with the submission of an urgent article ends only with particularly rapid electronic publication.

And finally I would like to thank all Advisory Board Members and all authors who contacted us with suggestions in 2001. Only such open channels of communication can make EurJIC “Your Journal” for top papers in inorganic, bioinorganic, solid-state, physical inorganic and organometallic chemistry.

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