

Jubilees and Anniversaries

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When 13 societies are co-owners of a journal, it must be quite likely that important milestones in their history overlap. This year several important anniversaries, not only of EurJIC's owner societies but also of the publisher John Wiley & Sons, Inc. and of the journal itself, coincide. EurJIC congratulates the Hungarian Chemical Society (MKE) on 100 years and the French Chemical Society (SFC) on 150 years of service to chemists and chemistry in their countries. The SFC is the oldest society associated with EurJIC, but the countries in Europe awoke to the importance of chemistry within a short spate of time. In the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, farsighted chemists formed these associations to advance chemistry and promote exchange of knowledge, not only within their countries but across the boundaries. Table 1 lists the dates of foundation of our partner societies, but here I would like to mention the German Chemical Society, which set down its roots 140 years ago; one of the Belgian Societies, La Société Royale de Chimie (SRC), which is 20 years younger; the Czech Society, which is heading into its 15th decade; and the Austrian Chemical Society, which was established in 1897. EurJIC

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and the other members of the family of European journals bear witness to the success of the societies in one of their goals – the dissemination of knowledge across the world.

The printed word has been the business of John Wiley & Sons for 200 years (see the pages following this editorial). My contact with the company started with my first year at university – it is my pleasure to work for the publisher that probably had the most impact on my career in chemistry. Its excellence in publishing facilitated my studies through comprehensive textbooks and the outstanding journals that are now part of its program.

Finally, the latest anniversary is that of EurJIC itself. Although the journal in this form is only ten years old in 2007, one of the predecessor journals was founded before any of the societies. Yet you can read the first papers electronically in the Chemical Society Backfile Collection and jump to the reference rapidly through CrossRef. One of our projects underway at the moment is to provide electronic access to all the predecessor journals as quickly as possible. All will have the same convenient CrossRef feature.

What else is new in this auspicious tenth year?

Günter Schmid (Essen, Germany) and Ivano Bertini (Sesto Fiorentino, Italy), who since the first issue have worked hard to create this Inorganic Chemistry society journal,

Table 1. The European chemical societies that co-own EurJIC.

Country	Society	Founded	Web address
Austria	Gesellschaft Österreichischer Chemiker (GÖCh)	1897	http://www.goech.at/
Belgium	La Société Royale de Chimie (SRC)	1887	http://www.ulb.ac.be/assoc/src/
Belgium	Koninklijke Vlaamse Chemische Vereniging (KVCV)	1939	http://www.kvcv.be/
Czech Republic	Česká společnost chemická (CSCh)	1866	http://www.csch.cz/
France	Société Française de Chimie (SFC)	1857	http://www.sfc.fr/
Germany	Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker (GDCh)	1867	http://www.gdch.de/
Greece	Association of Greek Chemists (AGC)	1924	http://www.eex.gr/
Hungary	Magyar Kémikusok Egyesülete (MKE) (Hungarian Chemical Society)	1907	http://www.mke.org.hu/
	Magyar Tudományos Akadémia (Hungarian Academy of Sciences)	1825	http://www.mta.hu/
Italy	Società Chimica Italiana (SCI)	1909	http://www.soc.it/
The Netherlands	Koninklijke Nederlandse Chemische Vereniging (KNCV)	1903	http://www.kncv.nl/
Portugal	Sociedade Portuguesa de Química (SPQ)	1911	http://www.spq.pt/
Spain	Real Sociedad Española de Química (RSEQ)	1903	http://www.rseq.org/
Sweden	Svenska Kemistsamfundet	1883	http://www.chemsoc.se/

have retired from the Editorial Board. Ivano in addition served as Chairman for eight years. My sincere thanks go to them for their advice and support. In these days of rapid publishing, it was essential that I could rely on their quick reply for any critical decision. Taking over as Chairman is Jan Reedijk (Leiden, the Netherlands). He brings long experience in publishing and a thorough knowledge of the journal and the Societies' standards to this position. The new members are Maurizio Peruzzini (Sesto Fiorentino), who adds expertise in the core inorganic chemistry areas of coordination chemistry and catalysis, and Ulrich Simon (Aachen, Germany), who has a broad background in inorganic chemistry including the topical nanoscience fields. On behalf of all members of the Board I welcome them and look forward to our closer collaboration in EurJIC.

My thanks are also due to the retiring members of the International Advisory Board. Three, Cornelis Elsevier (Amsterdam, the Netherlands), Bernt Krebs (Münster, Germany) and José González-Calbet (Madrid, Spain), also worked from the start to ensure the successful integration of their societies' journals into the new European Journal and two (Alejandro Vila, Argentina and Kazuko Matsumoto, Japan) joined this Board when, after the successful unification, members were invited from outside Europe. All have worked for EurJIC for many years and we appreciate their support. Their successors are Mauro Botta (Alessandria, Italy), Susumu Kitagawa (Kyoto, Japan), Nils Metzler-Nolte (Bochum, Germany), Barbara Milani (Trieste, Italy) and Joost Reek (Amsterdam).

You probably have already noticed that the Table of Contents has a new look. Our aims were to assist fast browsing of the contents by highlighting the individual papers optimally. A survey on the use of the Table of Contents revealed that although the graphics are useful, an additional short text helps in rapid orientation in the latest issue. The use of colour will make the selection of the graphic much easier in some fields of inorganic chemistry. The two templates available for authors on the homepage (www.eurjic.org) are a guide to the length and style required. Again to enable inorganic chemists to discover the latest developments in their field fast, in 2007 EurJIC will publish 36 issues. The rapid expansion of

EurJIC at the beginning of the decade led to a long list of papers in each issue. A shorter Table of Contents, in particular with the key topic flag, ensures that important papers are less likely to be overlooked. *Chemistry – A European Journal* made this change in 2006. Its success persuaded EurJIC and its sister journal EurJOC to follow suit.

The Table of Contents of EurJIC – like those of any other journal available on Wiley InterScience – can now be accessed as RSS feeds. An RSS feed delivers updates of text content on web pages, determined by the user, to a computer or even a mobile phone. Once the news reader software program is installed and the Webpage selected, the feeds are automatic. Again, for more information, just visit the homepage of EurJIC and click on

the orange RSS icon next to the cover picture. Authors and peer reviewers can also expect changes to simplify their collaboration with the journal. Many authors used our first templates ten years ago for the manuscripts they submitted. The state of the art has, however, changed since then: with peer review by PDF, the need to reduce the number of pages for review has become increasingly important, and graphics placed where they are intended facilitate the assessment. In addition, authors prefer to see how their article is likely to look in print. Soon EurJIC templates that mimic the print version will be available for all article types amongst the tools “for authors” on the journal homepage.

In honour of the 10th anniversary of EurJIC, the journal will sponsor a poster prize at the 9th FIGIPAS meeting in Vienna from July 4–7, 2007 (<http://figipas.tuwien.ac.at/>). This European conference was selected, because, like the journal, it covers the full spectrum of Inorganic Chemistry. A special issue is planned to coincide with the conference.

Finally, at the start of this New Year in which Inorganic Chemistry will continue to search for new, improved materials or production protocols for a modern world, as well as for both an understanding of – and solutions for – the problems that exist, I wish all our authors and readers peace and prosperity in all continents of the world and fulfilment as your research contributes to these goals.

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