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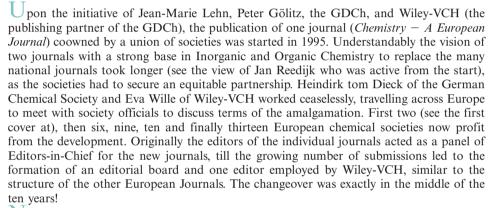




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## The Changing Face of Chemistry Society Publishing

The start of the European Journal of Inorganic Chemistry ten years ago added another major player to the field of Inorganic Chemistry society journals. The move was unprecedented: attempts at European cooperation in the earliest stages of chemistry publishing had not got off the ground. By the second half of the 20th century three major single society publishing hubs had emerged, besides many other societies that published their own national general chemistry journal, often with commercial publishers. The time was ripe for change. European chemists began to work for a paradigm shift.



Not only was the union of societies growing. The growing trust in each other and their publisher Wiley-VCH led the French society to give up their journal *Journal de Chimie Physique et de Physico-Chimie Biologique* to make way for a co-owned, high-quality platform for the union's members whose research lies on the border of physics, chemistry and biophysics. Scientists working in interdisciplinary research in chemistry and biology could not be left out — *ChemPhysChem* and *ChemBioChem* were born in 2000. The growing family of journals prompted the societies to formalize their union as the Editorial Union of Chemical Societies (EUChemSoc) in 2002. Again the closer ties led the Italian society to offer two journals to the family, *Il Farmaco* — *An International Journal of Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Chemistry* as springboard for *ChemMedChem* (2006) and *Annali di Chimica* as basis for the imminent journal *ChemSusChem* (2008).

In line with the development in Europe, chemical societies in Asia have banded together to form the Asian Chemical Editorial Society (ACES). Thus in 2007 with the emergence of multisociety publishing groupings, the number of society publishing hubs has grown and smaller societies also share in the advantages. Finally, Wiley-VCH is part of John Wiley & Sons, who in this February — in *their* bicentennial year — merged with Blackwell Publishing to form Wiley-Blackwell, now the world's leading society publisher. The strengthened global outlook of the company ensures that the European Journals family will combine the European touch with an international appeal. May not only EurJIC, but also the sister journals and the societies in EUChemSoc, go from strength to strength.

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