



The EUChemSoc Societies have taken the significant step into the future by merging their traditional journals, to form two leading chemistry journals, the *European Journal of Inorganic Chemistry* and the *European Journal of Organic Chemistry*. Three further EUChemSoc Societies (Austria, Czech Republic and Sweden) are Associates of the two journals.

GREETING



An anniversary is a time both to look forward and to look back. Ten years ago, the seminal bilateral co-operation between the Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker and the Koninklijke Nederlandse Chemische Vereniging that enabled the publication of “Chemische Berichte/Recueil” and “Liebigs Annalen/Recueil” was successfully expanded

by agreements with the chemical societies of France (Société Française de Chimie), Italy (Società Chimica Italiana), and Belgium (Koninklijke Vlaamse Chemische Vereniging and the Société Royale de Chimie) to bring together their journals to create two truly European journals, the European Journal of Inorganic Chemistry (*EurJIC*) and the European Journal of Organic Chemistry (*EurJOC*). The first issue of these journals appeared on January 1, 1998. The journals of the chemical societies of Spain (Real Sociedad Española de Química), Portugal (Sociedade Portuguesa de Química), and Greece (Association of Greek Chemists) were also amalgamated in 1998.

The integration of nine individual national journals into two high-quality European journals has undoubtedly created an important sense of union within the European community of chemists. Some guiding principles have been quality and flexibility, with the aim of fewer but better journals dealing with inorganic and organic chemistry. In 2002, the Magyar Tudományos Akadémia / Magyar Kémikusok

by Egyesülete (Hungary) joined the consortium by merging the journal ACH – Models in Chemistry, and in 2003, Svenska Kemistsamfundet (Sweden), Gesellschaft Österreichischer Chemiker (Austria), and Česká Společnost Chemická (Czech Republic) also joined the consortium as Associate Members. Actually, the Editorial Union of Chemical Societies (EuChemSoc) is an organization of 14 European institutions.

As president of the EuChemSoc partnership for *EurJIC* and *EurJOC*, I note with great satisfaction that the initiative of merging nine national journals to create *EurJIC* and *EurJOC* has been a very important development. Furthermore, the journals are attracting a growing number of authors from outside Europe, and the continued success of these specialized journals has led to the decision to increase the frequency of publication from 24 to 36 issues for both journals. With the on-going vigorous support of our societies, authors, reviewers, and readers I am confident that the stature of *EurJIC* and *EurJOC* will grow as rapidly as it has over the last ten years. A sustained emphasis on the publication of papers reporting high-quality work, especially at the cutting-edge of the disciplines, should help to ensure that the journals will continue their successful development.

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