

The Jubilee Issue

This issue marks the 10th Anniversary of the *European Journal of Inorganic Chemistry* (*EurJIC*) and represents a major landmark in the still young history of this journal. *EurJIC* was launched as a new journal in 1998 as a result of the merging of eight historical chemical journals owned by eight



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national chemical societies. The editor of the first issue was Heinrich Nöth. The number of chemical societies that own the journal, however, has been steadily growing, reflecting the increasing integration of European research. Nowadays *EurJIC* provides a European and international forum respected worldwide for Short Communications, Full Papers, and Microreviews, covering all topics of modern inorganic chemistry. As stated in the 1999 editorial of *EurJIC*, "the objective to reach the level of the top three Inorganic Chemistry journals on a worldwide scale within 3–5 years" has indeed been achieved beyond expectations. In fact, *EurJIC* is the fastest growing inorganic chemistry journal with a current impact factor of 2.514.

Fastest Growing Inorganic Chemistry Journal

In order to pay tribute to the successful story of *EurJIC*, a journal which is truly European in spirit and fully international in appeal, the idea of publishing a special issue of the journal seemed timely

to the Editorial Board. It has been a great honour for us to serve as Guest Editors for this celebratory 10th Anniversary issue of *EurJIC*, and it has been a great challenge to fulfil our duty. Beyond doubt, *EurJIC* is a cornerstone in the vital area of inorganic chemistry, and, to reflect its internationality, we decided to invite some leading scientists from all over the world with expertise in a wide range of research areas. The response to this invitation was indeed enthusiastic and has resulted in the present collection of 45 excellent articles coming from 11 European countries as well as from China, Israel, Japan, and the USA. The quality of the articles received, all of which have undergone a top-level independent evaluation process that is proper of *EurJIC*, is very high, making this issue a truly outstanding one and, we hope, a memorable snapshot of the hot topics in inorganic chemistry at the beginning of the 21st century.



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The selection of the cover picture was also a difficult task as many of the articles received were worth highlighting on the cover. Accordingly, we decided, for the first time in *EurJIC* history, to highlight two contributions on the front and the back cover. Those we have chosen are the papers received from the Fontecave and Hou groups, two of the most valuable articles in this celebratory issue.

Of the contributions received, there are six Microreviews, including a sound contribution on metalloproteoma by Ivano Bertini who served with proverbial energy and competence as Chairman of the Editorial Board of *EurJIC* from 1999 to 2006. Moreover, this issue includes the usual mix of Microreviews, Full Papers, and Short Communications, 45 articles in all, reflecting the full spectrum of modern inorganic chemistry from main group to bioinorganic, organometallic/catalysis, coordination, supramolecular, and material/solid-state chemistry, and, in some cases, the content of the articles clearly crosses these boundaries. It has to be mentioned that five of the articles received are from members of the Journal's Boards, including articles from Jan Reedijk, the present Chairman of the Editorial Board, and Rinaldo Poli, a member of the Editorial Board, as well as from Hansjörg Grützmacher, Lechosław Latos-Grażyński, and Carlos Romão, current Members of the International Advisory Board.

It is not by chance that the Anniversary issue of *EurJIC* will be distributed at the 9th FIGIPAS Meeting in Inorganic Chemistry that takes place in Vienna this July, as both of these events represent sound milestones in the efforts of European Inorganic Chemists to achieve not only strong European ties but worldwide integration as well.

In closing, we would like to mention that it has been a pleasure for us to collaborate and interact with the Editor, Karen Hindson, and her staff in the preparation of this Celebratory *EurJIC* issue. Heartfelt thanks to our authors, referees, and readers, and Happy Anniversary to *EurJIC*.

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