

EurJOC enters its tenth year...



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... and we will take this occasion to introduce a few innovations. First, the Table of Contents section will be more colourful, and the entries will include a short descriptive text in addition to the picture. A template is available on the homepage (<http://www.eurjoc.org>, then click on "For Authors"). The Table of Contents of EurJOC – like those of any other journal available on Wiley InterScience – can now be accessed as RSS feeds. RSS is a tool for syndicating (actually, RSS is an abbreviation of Really Simple Syndication) content of web pages such as news, albeit without graphics or layout. As a computer user, all that is required to obtain the EurJOC RSS feed is a news reader software program installed on your computer – RSS feeds are even available on mobile phones. Again, for more information, just visit the homepage of EurJOC and click on the orange icon next to the cover picture.

Second, templates for new manuscripts have been recently requested from many authors and referees. They will soon be available for all types of articles and can also be downloaded from the journal homepage. Whereas it is not mandatory to use the template when you submit a manuscript to EurJOC, it will give you an impression of what the printed article will look like. Especially in the case of Short Communications, it is also quite convenient to estimate the length of the paper. As mentioned above, not only authors but also referees have pleaded for templates. For the most part, this is because it reduces the need to print the manuscript when a paper is received for reviewing.

Third, EurJOC will increase its publication frequency from 24 to 36 issues per year. The growth of the journal in terms of page numbers can be considered a token of its success (see Figure 1). Despite the doubling in volume in less than ten years we have not

compromised our high standards; the rejection rate for papers is the highest it has ever been. From the numbers of papers we have received and accepted for publication recently, we can extrapolate a total number of pages of more than 6000 for the year 2007. With 24 issues per volume, this would correspond to more than 250 pages per issue. The last time the average number of pages was greater than 250 (taking into account the blank pages, see Legend, Figure 1) we increased the publication frequency from 12 to 24 issues. Going from 24 issues in 2006 to 36 issues in 2007 thus seems to be the next logical step – a step that *Chemistry—A European Journal* already took in 2006. Of the other journals in our "family" of European chemistry journals, our sister journal EurJIC will match up with EurJOC; similarly, it is planned for *ChemBioChem* and *ChemPhysChem* to increase their frequencies of publication from 12 to 18 issues this year.

New Table of Contents layout

Increased publication frequency

Manuscript templates coming soon

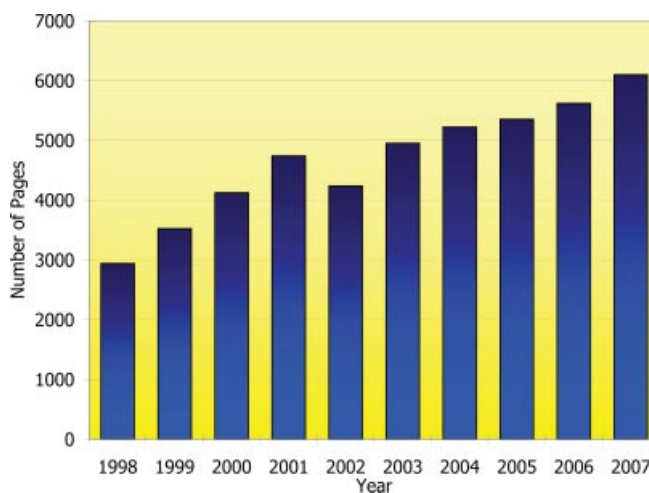


Figure 1. Development of page numbers. The decrease from 2001 to 2002 is due to the fact that for technical reasons before 2002 all articles started on a right-hand page, which resulted in many (unnecessary) blank pages. The number of pages for 2007 is estimated.

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

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	Česka společnost chemická (ČSCH) (Czech Chemical Society CCS)	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/
Italy	Società Chimica Italiana (SCI)	1909	http://www.sci.uniba.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.ucm.es/info/rsequim/
Sweden	Svenska Kemistsamfundet (Swedish Chemical Society SCS)	1883	http://www.chemsoc.se/

It cannot be pointed out often enough that EurJOC and all of the aforementioned journals are indeed society journals – a fact which many chemists are still not aware of. In particular, when we send manuscripts to reviewers whom we have not approached before, they sometimes respond that they referee for society journals only. Now then, EurJOC is co-owned by thirteen of the fourteen European Chemical Societies who have formed the Editorial Union of Chemical Societies (see Table 1). As is often the case with scientific societies, the individual members needed to join forces to release synergies for efficient and cost-effective production, marketing and international distribution of a journal. They selected Wiley-VCH as publisher for this purpose and to ensure equal rights for all partners. Although Wiley-VCH is a commercial publisher, there is really no difference in how EurJOC supports its owner societies and, for example, *Organic Letters* supports the ACS; revenues are distributed among the members of this editorial union in the form of royalties.

Several of the owner societies celebrate notable anniversaries in 2007: Of special mention is the Hungarian Chemical Society (MKE), which celebrates its centennial, and the French Chemical Society (SFC), which is exactly 50 years older. GÖCh, the Austrian Chemical Society, was brought into being in 1897, and SRC, one of the two Belgian Chemical Societies, in 1887; the founding of the German Chemical Society (GDCh) dates back to 1867. Older still is John Wiley Sons, Inc. – the parent company of Wiley-VCH (see following pages): It was founded in 1807 and thus has a more long-standing tradition than any of our owner societ-

ies (or any of the journals that were merged to EurJIC and EurJOC in 1998, for that matter).

Finally, a special issue is planned for our 10th anniversary celebrations. It will feature contributions from speakers of the conference ESOC 2007, the 15th European Symposium on Organic Chemistry (<http://www.esoc2007.com/>), which will be held from July 8 to 13 at University College Dublin, Ireland. Note that the name of this journal and the symposium are very similar, and both cover the complete spectrum of organic chemistry. Thus, cooperation between the two is almost self-evident. This special issue will not be thematic, and the articles will not necessarily be related to the lectures. Speakers include some members of the International Advisory Board of EurJOC, namely Janine Cossy (Paris), Antonio Echavarren (Tarragona), Floris Rutjes (Nijmegen) and Ivo Stary (Prague). EurJOC will also sponsor a poster prize at the conference.



I wish all of our authors, readers and referees a very happy and successful new year.