

## Ten Years of Excellence in Society Publishing



Haymo Ross at the Wiley booth at ESOC-15 in Dublin.

Would you have expected that the tenth anniversary of EurJOC was drawing near? Indeed it is! EurJOC has reached its tenth volume, and I dare say that it has met the expectation to “deliver quality and speed”, which was raised in the editorial of the inaugural issue in 1998. Yet, considering these two parameters only, it has been our objective to not compromise quality for speed. As regards the quality of EurJOC, I habitually recommend that you have a look at a recent issue of the journal to convince yourself.



It is perhaps a sign of the times, however, that people tend to oversimplify matters and, as far as scientific journals are concerned, to judge them just by one number, i.e., the Impact Factor. Surely the Impact Factor is a quality indicator but it is not the only one. Nonetheless, ten years ago the predecessor journals of EurJOC had Impact Factors in the range between 0.345 and 1.578; two of them were not even indexed by ISI—the latest Impact Factor of EurJOC is 2.769! To give you an impression of the articles that contributed to the journal's impact, the three most cited EurJOC papers of each volume from its first year until 2006 are summarized in Table 1. There you go, the broad scope of organic chemistry that is covered by EurJOC ranges from fullerenes through foldamers to the nowadays so popular click chemistry with a strong basis on contemporary synthetic chemistry.



Publication times in the early years of EurJOC were typically five to seven months on average—in contrast to the median publication times in the first half of 2007: three months for Full Papers and two months for Short Communications. What else can be said about the development of this journal? Just some facts and figures in short: In 1998, 594 papers were

submitted; we reckon that there will be twice as many this year. The first volume comprised 2950 pages, but we will most probably reach the mark of 6000 pages this year. As a

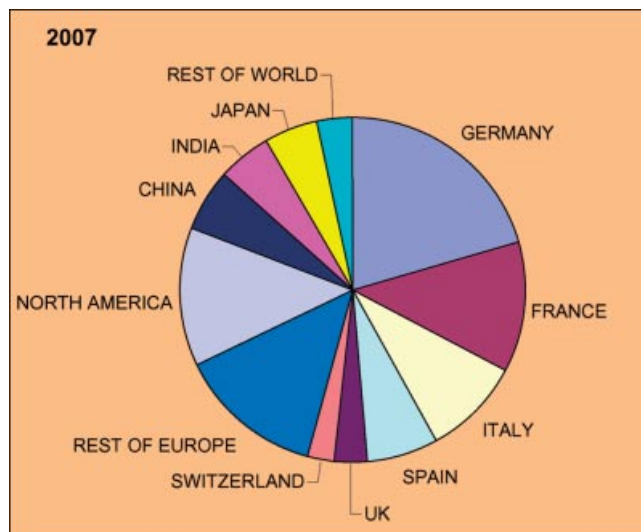
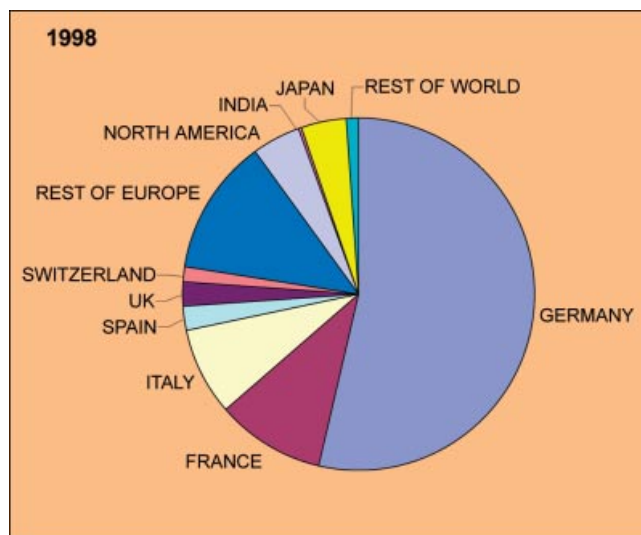
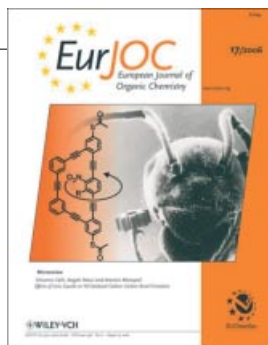


Figure 1. Where our papers come from.

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Table 1. EurJOC's most cited articles.

Year	Author(s)	Title	Page
1998	Jens Christoffers	Transition-Metal Catalysis of the Michael Reaction of 1,3-Dicarbonyl Compounds and Acceptor-Activated Alkenes	1259–1266
	Enrique Diez-Barra et al.	Control of Asymmetry Through Conjugate Addition Reactions	2051–2061
	Stefan Grimme, Fritz Vögtle et al.	Structure/Chiroptics Relationships of Planar Chiral and Helical Molecules	1491–1509
1999	Hiroshi Imahori and Yoshiteru Sakata	Fullerenes as Novel Acceptors in Photosynthetic Electron Transfer	2445–2457
	Shu Kobayashi	Scandium Triflate in Organic Synthesis	15–27
	Bernard Meunier et al.	100 Years of Baeyer-Villiger Oxidations	737–750
2000	Dieter Seebach et al.	Preparation of Achiral and of Enantiopure Geminally Disubstituted $\beta$ -Amino Acids for $\beta$ -Peptide Synthesis	1–15
	Brindaban C. Ranu	Indium Metal and Its Halides in Organic Synthesis	2347–2356
	Miguel Yus et al.	New Methodologies Based on Arene-Catalyzed Lithiation Reactions and Their Application to Synthetic Organic Chemistry	225–237
2001	Francesco Fringuelli et al.	Recent Advances in Lewis Acid Catalyzed Diels-Alder Reactions in Aqueous Media	439–455
	C. Oliver Kappe et al.	High-Speed Couplings and Cleavages in Microwave-Heated, Solid-Phase Reactions at High Temperatures	919–925
	Manfred Schlosser	The Organometallic Approach to Molecular Diversity—Halogens as Helpers	3975–3984
2002	Alexandre Alexakis	Enantioselective Copper-Catalysed Conjugate Addition	3221–3236
	Dieter Enders et al.	Asymmetric Michael Additions to Nitroalkenes	1877–1894
	A. Dieter Schlüter	Shape-Persistent, Nano-Sized Macrocycles	3075–3098
2003	Jieping Zhu	Recent Developments in the Isonitrile-Based Multicomponent Synthesis of Heterocycles	1133–1144
	Jacques Lebreton et al.	Recent Advances in the Total Synthesis of Piperidine and Pyrrolidine Natural Alkaloids with Ring-Closing Metathesis as a Key Step	3693–3712
	Sven Doye	Group-IV Metal Complexes as Hydroamination Catalysts	935–946
2004	Ivan Huc	Aromatic Oligoamide Foldamers	17–29
	Bernd Schmidt	Catalysis at the Interface of Ruthenium Carbene and Ruthenium Hydride Chemistry: Organometallic Aspects and Applications to Organic Synthesis	1865–1880
	Thierry Constantieux, Jean Rodriguez et al.	Utilisation of 1,3-Dicarbonyl Derivatives in Multicomponent Reactions	4957–4980
2005	Li-Wen Xu et al.	A Catalytic Enantioselective Aza-Michael Reaction: Novel Protocols for Asymmetric Synthesis of $\beta$ -Amino Carbonyl Compounds	633–639
	Jan O. Jeppesen, J. Fraser Stoddart et al.	Honing Up a Genre of Amphiphilic Bistable [2]Rotaxanes for Device Settings	196–220
	Jacques Lebreton et al.	Recent Advances in the Total Synthesis of Piperidine Azasugars	2159–2191
2006	Henk Hiemstra, Jan H. van Maarseveen et al.	Cu <sup>I</sup> -Catalyzed Alkyne-Azide “Click” Cycloadditions from a Mechanistic and Synthetic Perspective	51–68
	Fabio Bellina, Renzo Rossi et al.	Palladium- and Copper-Mediated Direct C-2 Arylation of Azoles—Including Free (NH)-Imidazole, -Benzimidazole and -Indole—Under Base-Free and Ligandless Conditions	1379–1382
	Fabio Bellina, Renzo Rossi et al.	Regiocontrolled Synthesis of 1,2-Diaryl-1 <i>H</i> -imidazoles by Palladium- and Copper-Mediated Direct Coupling of 1-Aryl-1 <i>H</i> -imidazoles with Aryl Halides under Ligandless Conditions	693–703



consequence of the increasing page numbers, the publication frequency was doubled from 12 to 24 issues as early as 2000 and raised further to 36 in 2007, and so the 200th issue was published this year in spring. Over the years EurJOC has developed into a truly international journal. The allocation of EurJOC authors by country for 1998 is apparently skewed (Figure 1) relative to that of the year-to-date distribution. Note that not a single paper from China was published in EurJOC in 1998; this country has evolved very much in chemistry since then.

In 2002, we introduced a cover that changes with each issue. As a rule, the cover picture highlights an article and is designed by the author (a rare exception is this very issue). A selection of attractive covers is depicted in this editorial. Another popular feature of EurJOC, the Microreviews, has been an important part of the journal from the beginning; this year our 250th Microreview was published! To find out more about the history of EurJOC and its sister journal EurJIC, the inorganic chemistry counterpart, please see the Commentary by Karen Hindson (p. 4136) and the Greeting by Luis Oro (p. 4137).

This issue of EurJOC is a special issue—it is our decennial celebratory issue! Several speakers and the Chair of the Local Organising Committee of the 15th European Symposium on Organic Chemistry (ESOC 2007) have contributed to what I believe is a splendid mixture of present-day organic chemistry: natural products chemistry, asymmetric synthesis, bioorganic chemistry, transition-metal catalysis, organocatalysis, and one paper even tackles separation

methodology—an important but often avoided subject matter.

The conference was held only recently (July 8–13) in Dublin, Ireland. A famous Dubliner, Oscar Wilde, is quoted with these words: “I have the simplest tastes. I am always satisfied with the best.” Had he been a chemist, I am sure he would have been pleased about ESOC 2007 and this special issue, whose authors include EurJOC Advisory Board members Janine Cossy, Antonio Echavarren, Floris Rutjes, and Ivo Stary. The celebratory issue also has a special flavour to it: despite the above-mentioned internationality of EurJOC, but in accordance with the journal title, all of the authors are Europeans (though one of them has been working in the USA for some time), as indicated on the cover picture. To make the celebratory issue complete, it also contains—for the first time—a conference report authored by yet another Advisory Board member, Guy Lloyd-Jones (see p. 4146).

Dear reader, enjoy this special issue! Here’s to the first ten years of EurJOC—I look forward to the next ten years.

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