

Changes ahead for *NJC* in 2009

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Jean-Pierre Majoral, who has served as *NJC*'s Editor-in-Chief for the past four years, and Jon Steed, who has been an *NJC* Associate Editor for eight years, both retired from the Editorial Board at the end of 2008. On behalf of Jerry Atwood, co-Editor-in-Chief with Jean-Pierre, the Editorial Board, the RSC and the CNRS, we would like to warmly thank Jean-Pierre and Jon for their service to *NJC*. They have been involved with the Journal during a time of rapid evolution, and have given their energy and time unselfishly to guide and propel it even higher. We look forward to continuing the Journal's collaboration with them both, as they have been appointed to *NJC*'s International Advisory Board.

Replacing Jean-Pierre as co-Editor-in-Chief is Pascal Le Floch, CNRS Director of Research at the Ecole Polytechnique in Palaiseau near Paris. Pascal started his research as an organometallic chemist, with research during his PhD thesis focusing on highly reactive phosphorus compounds. His current interests range from inorganic chemistry and catalysis to nanomaterials. He has been the author of about 200 publications, including 7 book chapters and 5 reviews.



Pascal Le Floch and Peter Junk

Peter Junk, Professor of Chemistry and Head of the School of Chemistry at Monash University in Australia, replaces Jon Steed as Associate Editor. Peter's research interests involve many aspects of the inorganic and organometallic chemistry of main group and lanthanoid elements, as well as the supramolecular chemistry of crown ethers. He has authored over 230 papers and 4 review articles.

Appointing an Associate Editor in Australia is a new step for *NJC*. With three editorial offices, one in Europe, one in North America and now one in Australia, we hope to provide all authors with even better service on a timely basis.

The Montpellier editorial office has also seen staffing changes. Dr Marie Cote, who obtained her PhD from the University of Cardiff, joined the team in February 2008, replacing Dr Gérard Calleja.

News from the RSC

Improved ReSource

During 2009, we will release a new version of ReSource, our system for online manuscript submission and peer review (www.rsc.org/resource). Already popular with authors and referees, we've listened to your feedback and made further improvements to our service. We're keen to build on your experience of ReSource, so if you would you like to help us shape the next release by taking part in beta-testing or by supplying your comments and suggestions, please contact resourcesupport@rsc.org.

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"I must say that the RSC has done a great job over the past few years of reinventing and reinvigorating its chemistry journals. In my opinion they are now the best in the world for publishing first rate topical modern chemistry in a rigorous yet appealing and accessible form"

Professor Stephen Kent, University of Chicago

will engage in a week-long festival of the chemical sciences. Please get in touch with us (food@rsc.org) if you would like to be involved.

New journals

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Metallomics. *Integrated biometal science* covers the research fields related to metals in biological, environmental and clinical systems (www.rsc.org/metallomics).

Integrative biology. *Quantitative biosciences from nano to macro* is a unique,

interdisciplinary journal covering quantitative multi-scale biology that uses enabling technologies and tools to exploit the convergence of biology with physics, chemistry, engineering, imaging and informatics (www.rsc.org/ibiology).

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We wish you all a successful 2009 and thank you for your continued support of *NJC*.

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