

New year, new resolutions, new impact for *NJC*...

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This year, *NJC* enters its 34th year of publication. Since its founding, *NJC* has endeavoured to publish high quality work from across the full span of the chemical sciences, with particular emphasis on the contributions that chemistry makes to its sister disciplines, such as biology and materials science, to name just two. Confirming the generalist nature of *NJC*, we only publish work that will have a wide appeal to researchers.

2009 has been another great year for *NJC*; the Journal has gone from strength to strength, with a growing number of high-quality articles. *NJC*'s 2008 impact factor, released by Thomson ISI in June 2009, showed a significant increase of 11% to 2.94. We are confident that our continuing efforts to improve the quality of the Journal and increase its visibility will, with the support of our referees and authors, make this a continuing upward progression.

Themed issues

After a hiatus of several years, since 2007, themed issues have once again found their place in *NJC*. The themed issue on dendrimers, guest edited by Jean-Pierre Majoral and published in July 2007, strongly contributed to the increased impact factor in 2008. Some examples of the papers published in this issue are presented in Table 1.

Other *NJC* themed issues have been in the areas of bioinspired materials (*NJC*, 2008, issue 8, Guest Editor: Laurent Bonnevot), polymorphism and crystal

forms (*NJC*, 2008, issue 10, Guest Editor: Fabrizia Grepioni), and photochromism and molecular materials (*NJC*, 2009, issue 6, Guest Editors: Kenji Matsuda, Keitaro Nakatani, Azzedine Bousseksou, Andreas Hauser and Jean-Paul Malrieu).

In addition, special issues dedicated to George Gokel (*NJC*, 2007, issue 5, Guest Editors: Jerry Atwood and Jonathan W. Steed), Jerry Atwood (*NJC*, 2008, issue 5, Guest Editor: Jonathan W. Steed) and Jean-Pierre Sauvage (*NJC*, 2009, issue 2, Guest Editor: Jean-François Nierengarten) have been well received by the chemistry community. The photograph shows Marie Cote, *NJC* Assistant Editor, with Jean-Pierre Sauvage at the IVth Joint International Symposium on Macrocyclic and Supramolecular Chemistry last year, where the *NJC* issue dedicated to Jean-Pierre was presented to him. We would like to thank all of our guest editors, authors and referees for their hard work, dedication and support of the Journal.



Jean-Pierre Sauvage and Marie Cote at the IVth Joint International Symposium on Macrocyclic and Supramolecular Chemistry

2010 promises to be another successful year, with more themed issues planned; further details will appear on the *NJC* website in due course.

Editorial board members, sponsored lectures and poster awards

Professor Vivian W. W. Yam gave the *NJC*-sponsored plenary lecture at the 42nd IUPAC World Chemistry Conference in August 2009. She delivered a very well-received talk on 'Molecular design and assembly strategies towards photofunctional materials'. This sponsored lecture provided *NJC* with the opportunity to thank Vivian for her input into the development of the Journal over the last 6 years, as sadly Vivian finished her term on the Editorial Board at the end of 2009. Professor Yasuhiro Aoyama also retired from the Editorial Board at the end of 2009, and we thank him for his contributions to the Journal.

To encourage the younger generation, *NJC* also awarded five Interface Poster Prizes in 2009 to young talented chemists. 2010 will see similar *NJC* Interface awards to inspire younger chemists.

Manuscript submission

Since May 2009, *NJC* has had a new online manuscript submission system. The new system offers a number of advantages to users, making the manuscript submission and editorial review processes more efficient.

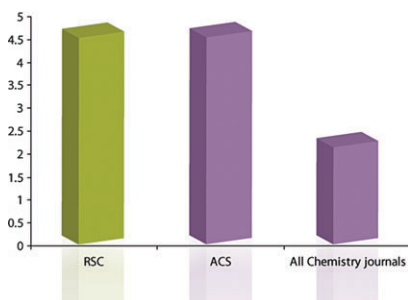
Table 1 The most cited articles published in *NJC*'s themed issue on dendrimers in July 2007

Helical chirality in dendronized polyarylacetylenes, J. G. Rudick and V. Percec, <i>New J. Chem.</i> , 2007, 31 , 1083.
Catalysts based on palladium dendrimers, R. Andrés, E. de Jesús and J. C. Flores, <i>New J. Chem.</i> , 2007, 31 , 1161.
Recent progress and applications for metallodendrimers, S. H. Hwang, C. D. Shreiner, C. N. Moorefield and G. R. Newkome, <i>New J. Chem.</i> , 2007, 31 , 1192.
Dendritic vectors for gene transfection, M. Guillot-Nieckowski, S. Eisler and F. Diederich, <i>New J. Chem.</i> , 2007, 31 , 1111.
Liquid-crystalline fullerodendrimers, R. Deschenaux, B. Donnio and D. Guillon, <i>New J. Chem.</i> , 2007, 31 , 1064.
Dendrimers and magnetic resonance imaging, S. Langereis, A. Dirksen, T. M. Hackeng, M. H. P. van Genderen and E. W. Meijer, <i>New J. Chem.</i> , 2007, 31 , 1152.

RSC News

High impact publishing

Publication of the 2008 impact factors, calculated by ISI, once again brought good news for authors and readers of RSC journals. Nearly all RSC journals increased in impact factor, immediacy index and article influence, with an impressive average impact factor increase of 8.2%. Overall, the average impact factor for the RSC portfolio now stands at 4.7, equal to that of the ACS collection.



RSC journals feature in the top 10 rankings (by impact factor and immediacy index) in 6 of the 7 core chemistry categories listed on ISI, and of the top 100 chemistry journals ranked by impact factor, 15 are from RSC Publishing.

2009 also saw a 75% increase in the number of articles published in RSC journals compared to 2007 (...not only are our impact factors leading the way in the chemical sciences, but there are a wider variety of articles available for you to choose from).

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2009 saw the launch of the new RSC journal e-alerts; in 2010 we are hoping

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