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Editorial

Web Submissions and First 2003 Special Feature

My editorial in the last issue caused quite a stir with lots of correspondence on the theme of Design of Experiments. It is gratifying to know that these editorials are read by someone! My thanks to all who took the time to e-mail me.

The last issue of *Organic Process Research & Development* was the largest issue to date and had the most successful (in terms of pages) special feature on the theme of biocatalysis. Our first special feature of 2003, targeted for the May/June issue, issue 3, will be on Homogeneous Transition Metal-Catalysed Reactions, to be coordinated by Chris Goralski and Ian Lennon of Dow Chemicals. If you are interested in submitting a paper for this special issue, contact the editors or Chris directly (e-mail: ctgoralski@dow.com). The deadline for receipt of papers is November 2002.

Submissions for 2002 to OPR&D are up from those in 2001, and this may be partly due to the use of web submissions, which seem increasingly popular. OPR&D will be moving soon to ACS's new Paragon system, and authors will see improvements in ease of use of the submission procedure. The editors would prefer web submissions rather than hard copy, since this speeds up the review process. Wherever possible, please submit your papers via the web.

It is also gratifying to know that the journal increases in popularity, and I have had several letters from academic professors who enjoy the applied nature of the journal. Subscriptions to OPR&D, both print and electronic, are increasing. This is undoubtedly due to the high quality of the journal, as well as the breadth of topics it covers. My thanks to all who have contributed to the success.

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