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I'm sure that many readers of this Journal have not had reason to learn about the Publications Division of the American Chemical Society beyond suspecting it has something to do with American Chemical Society journals. I'll certainly admit to that mindset in the years before I edited my first book with the American Chemical Society in 1992. In the ensuing decade, it has been my privilege to get to know the professional, dedicated team at "Pubs" that does everything required to transform scientific manuscripts into published papers distributed throughout the world. Recent accomplishments include the following: the creation of new journals (when *Journal of Combinatorial Chemistry* premiered in January 1999, ours was the first new American Chemical Society journal since *Bioconjugate Chemistry* began in January 1990); pioneering work in making the transition of journals from print to the Web; and most recently, making all American Chemical Society journals Web-accessible starting with the first *Journal of the American Chemical Society* article in 1879. It perhaps goes without saying, but these things do not happen by themselves.

Why sing "Pubs" praises at this time? Well, its battle cry is currently, "High Quality, High Impact". The most accepted measure of a journal's impact is "Journal Citation Reports", reported each summer by Thomson ISI (www.isinet.com/isi/products/citation/jcr). Last year, the *Journal of Combinatorial Chemistry* editorial staff was gratified to learn that the Journal measured up well in its first year; it scored in the top 10 chemistry journals worldwide, and among American Chemical Society journals, only *Chemical Re-*

views, *Accounts of Chemical Research*, and *Journal of the American Chemical Society* had higher impact factors. Good company, indeed.

The numbers for this year have just been released, and the news for our Journal is good:

For the second year in a row, *Journal of Combinatorial Chemistry* ranks in the TOP 10 in impact factor of all journals in the "Chemistry, Multidisciplinary" category.

Journal of Combinatorial Chemistry is again the fourth-ranked American Chemical Society journal in impact in the "Chemistry, Multidisciplinary" category following *Chemical Reviews*, *Accounts of Chemical Research*, and *Journal of the American Chemical Society*.

Journal of Combinatorial Chemistry leads all American Chemical Society publications in the "Chemistry, Applied" category.

Journal of Combinatorial Chemistry is the fifth-ranked journal worldwide in impact in the "Chemistry, Medicinal" category.

High quality, high impact. That was our goal for the Journal, and that is what we have achieved. Everyone affiliated with our Journal—editors, advisory board members, authors, reviewers, and especially American Chemical Society Publications staff—share in this accomplishment.

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