

EDITORIAL

The first issue of *Accounts of Chemical Research* appeared 40 years ago in January 1968. Its mission then, as now, was to publish concise descriptions of recent research developments in chemistry, biochemistry, and related fields directed to a broad range of scientists who wish to keep abreast of the best current research. With the present issue, *Accounts* celebrates its 40th birthday by inaugurating a new design, intended to enhance this mission. Volume 41 has a more modern cover, layout, and font, all designed by Amy Meyer Phifer. This new format makes the journal and the individual articles more attractive and easier to read. In addition, the traditional abstract, a feature common to many journals, has been replaced by the conspectus, literally a synopsis or summary affording the reader a close look at the content and significance of an article. In Latin conspectus means “a look at, view, or survey.” The Oxford English Dictionary defines it as “a general view or comprehensive survey (in the mind’s eye)”. Our goal is for the conspectus to be an excellent scientific summary of each Account. The conspectus will provide a more detailed description of the contents of the article, thereby enhancing its discoverability by search engines. We hope that each conspectus will encourage more readers to undertake a thorough reading of the Account it describes.

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