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EDITORIAL

Acquiring Scientific Information in the 21st
Century¹

Knowledge is of two kinds: we know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it. — Samuel Johnson, 1709–1784

Scire ubi aliquid invenire possis, ea demum maxima pars eruditionis est.
— Anonymous (To know where you can find anything, that in short is the largest part of learning.)

In this first issue of the new century, *Accounts of Chemical Research* has a new look: for the first time ever, each article is preceded by an abstract. Although this may not seem to be a momentous change, it is to us because, starting with this issue, abstracts of each article published in *Accounts of Chemical Research* will be included in *Chemical Abstracts* and in *Medline*. By doing this, we believe that we are opening the door more widely to the scientific information and knowledge deposited by our authors in their articles and that we are inviting a much larger potential readership to partake of it. We hope that you, either as a reader or as an author, enjoy the increased access and convenience that will result from the inclusion of *ACR* abstracts in these databases.

Joan Selverstone Valentine
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Reference

- (1) To find a quotation that was appropriate for this editorial, we entered the word "quotations" in Google.com, a search engine, and promptly arrived at the Bartleby Library at Bartleby.com, which publishes the on-line edition of *Familiar quotations: a collection of passages, phrases, and proverbs traced to their sources in ancient and modern literature*, by John Bartlett (9th ed.; Little, Brown, and Co.: Boston, 1901). We then searched the word "information" in Bartlett's and promptly arrived at the two quotations printed above. All of this took less than three minutes.

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