

Chemistry—An Asian Journal: Startschuss in Hawaii

Mehrere Veranstaltungen am Rande der Pacificchem 2005 markierten den Start von *Chemistry—An Asian Journal*, der neuen Schwesterzeitschrift der *Angewandten Chemie* und von *Chemistry—A European Journal*.



Am Nachmittag des 16. Dezember fand ein offizielles Treffen von Vertretern der vier herausgebenden chemischen Gesellschaften, der Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker (GDCh) und von Wiley-VCH

statt, um organisatorische Fragen zu besprechen. Die vier Gesellschaften

- Chinese Chemical Society (CCS)
 - Chemical Research Society of India (CRSI)
 - Chemical Society Japan (CSJ)
 - Korean Chemical Society (KCS)
- bilden zusammen die Asian Chemical Editorial Society (ACES). Das wohl wichtigste Ergebnis des Treffens ist, dass der Kreis der herausgebenden Gesellschaften erweitert werden soll, und zwar vorerst um die Chemical Society Located in Taipei sowie das Singapore National Institute of Chemistry.

Direkt im Anschluss an dieses ACES-Treffen fand ein Empfang statt, zu dem die Redaktionen der *Angewandten Chemie* und ihrer Schwesterzeitschriften sowie der Verlag Wiley-VCH eingeladen hatten, und die Resonanz war überwältigend: Über 400 Kuratoriums- und Beiratsmitglieder, Autoren und Gutachter kamen, um die Ankündigung von *Chemistry—An Asian Journal* zu feiern. Neben viel Prominenz, darunter die Ehrengäste George A. Olah und Koji Nakanishi sowie die Präsidenten der Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker (Henning Hopf), der chemischen Gesellschaft von Japan (Shinji Murai) und der koreanischen chemischen Gesellschaft (Kook Joe Shin), waren vor allem auch viele jüngere Autoren aus aller Welt erschienen; die Bildergalerie auf der gegenüberliegenden Seite gibt einen

kleinen Eindruck von dem Ereignis, das einen Meinungsaustausch über Fachgrenzen hinweg ermöglichte.

Die Gäste wurden von Eva-E. Wille (bei John Wiley and Sons verantwortlich für das weltweite Chemieprogramm) begrüßt. Es folgten Ansprachen von Shinji Murai und mir (siehe übernächste Seite) sowie von Koji Nakanishi, der auch Chefredakteur von *The Chemical Record* ist. Er betonte, wie wichtig *Chemistry—An Asian Journal* für alle asiatischen Chemiker/innen sei, und er wünschte der Zeitschrift viel Erfolg. Die überwältigende Resonanz auf die Einladung ist ein gutes Omen!

Am folgenden Tag fand ein Treffen mit Mitgliedern des Editorial Boards und des International Advisory Boards vom „Asian Journal“ statt, bei dem auch Neville Compton, Chefredakteur vom „European Journal“ teilnahm, wodurch das „verwandtschaftliche“ Verhältnis, das die beiden Zeitschriften pflegen wollen, demonstriert wurde. Während das Editorial Board naturgemäß von Chemikern aus Asien gebildet wird, macht das International Advisory Board seinem Namen alle Ehre: Es ist wahrlich international (siehe rechte Spalte), und es ist hochkarätig besetzt. Allein sieben Nobelpreisträger haben ihre Unterstützung zugesagt!

Der Vorsitzende des Editorial Boards, Ryoji Noyori, konnte leider nicht nach Hawaii kommen, seine starke Unterstützung für *Chemistry—An Asian Journal* ist aber allgegenwärtig. Und ich möchte in seinem Namen die Leser der *Angewandten Chemie* einladen, eines ihrer nächsten Full Papers, das von breitem Interesse und hoher Qualität ist, an die Redaktion von *Chemistry—An Asian Journal* zu senden.

Peter Göllitz

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Shinji Murai (rechts) und Peter Göltz stoßen auf die Zukunft von *Chemistry—An Asian Journal* an, nachdem sie ihre Reden (siehe Text auf dieser Seite) gehalten haben.

Dear Friends,
We are celebrating the start of a new journal. It is still a newborn baby. Imagine your family: If you have only one child, there can be no intersibling relationship. If you have two children, a relationship is formed between them. However, if you have three children, many more relationships can flourish: A and B; B and C; C and A; A and (B + C); B and (C + A); C and (A + B); A and B and C. This is why we need a new focal point. To date, the strong journals have been published in Europe and in the USA. We need Asia as a new

hub for the publication of a leading journal to keep the journal relationships healthy and to promote further cooperation in chemical science and technology.

On behalf of the Chemical Society of Japan, which boasts 40 000 members distributed almost evenly between industry and academia, I assure you that we will make the best efforts for the success of the new journal.

Thank you.

Shinji Murai

Ladies and Gentlemen,
dear guests of honor,

„Some people believe football is a matter of life and death. I am very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that.“

As scientists you will easily agree that you can replace the word football in this quote from Bill Shankly, a famous English football team manager, with „science“ or in our case with „chemistry“. I have worked as an editor for more than 25 years and it is therefore no wonder that my game would be „publishing“.

Football, or soccer, as the Americans call it, and scientific publishing must have something in common and at least this is true for 2006. In June/July of next year the world will get excited about the Football World Cup which this time will be taking place in Germany. At exactly the same time the chemical world will get excited about the first issue of *Chemistry—An Asian Journal*. As of today manuscripts can be submitted: full papers and focus reviews.

On an occasion like this, one likes to say „a dream has come true“ or some other similar poetic phrases. From Professor Seiji Shinkai I had heard another dream metaphor earlier this year; he said: „Two people in the same bed have different dreams“. In the past in Europe and Asia every individual country—being in the United States one likes to say „every little country“—dreamed of the premier league for its own journal: they were in the same bed—Europe or Asia—but had different dreams. A decade ago many European chemical societies and foremost Jean-Marie Lehn, Nobel Laureate of 1987, got behind *Chemistry—A European Journal*, which celebrated its phenomenal success earlier this year at a special symposium to mark its 10th anniversary. The Editor-in-chief Dr. Neville Compton is with us today and he

should be congratulated on the achievements. A testimony of its popularity is the fact that in 2006 *Chemistry—A European Journal* increases its frequency of publication from 24 to 36 issues.

Akin to the situation in Europe in the early 1990ies was the situation for Asian chemical societies. Not anymore! Thanks to the farsightedness of the presidents and secretaries of major Asian chemical societies we celebrate today the launch of *Chemistry—An Asian Journal*. Let me mention a few of the farsighted people who were instrumental in quickly reaching an agreement between the societies and Wiley-VCH.

Foremost I must mention Professor Ryoji Noyori, Nobel Laureate of 2001 and President of RIKEN. His response to our initial thoughts was most encouraging and his acceptance of the role „Chairman of the Editorial Board“ will be a guarantee for success. The discussions with the Chemical Society of Japan were led by Dr. Teruto Ohta, the Executive Director of the society, Professor Shinji Murai, the current President, and Professor Eiichi Nakamura from The University of Tokyo. From China we got immediate support from Professor Chunli Bai, the current President of the Chinese Chemical Society and Executive Vice President of the Chinese Academy of Science, and Professor Jiannian Yao, Secretary General of the Chinese Chemical Society; the current President of the Chemical Research Society of India, Professor Animesh Chakravorty, but also the former President Professor C. N. R. Rao were instrumental, as was Professor Kook Joe Shin, the current President of the Korean Chemical Society.

Since the idea was to start *Chemistry—An Asian Journal* in exactly the same way as *Chemistry—A European Journal* the support of the German Chemical Society (GDCh) was also needed, and its current President Pro-

fessor Henning Hopf as well as Professor Wolfram Koch, the Executive Director of the GDCh were both immediately excited once they heard about the project. The GDCh is the owner society of *Angewandte Chemie*, and *Chemistry—An Asian Journal* will be distributed to all institutional subscribers of *Angewandte* guaranteeing the highest possible visibility for the new journal from the start. „Good things come in threes“ is a saying, and certainly *Angewandte Chemie* with its two sister publications *Chemistry—A European Journal* and *Chemistry—An Asian Journal* will prove that this holds true.

This picture also applies to another journal the first issue of which will be published in January: *ChemBioChem* and *ChemPhysChem* will be complemented by *ChemMedChem*! *ChemMedChem* is co-published by the Italian, the German and many other European chemical societies and covers all aspects of the drug discovery process. It's bound to be the premier medicinal chemistry journal in Europe and to succeed in the world. *ChemMedChem* and even more *Chemistry—An Asian Journal* could not have been started without support from within the publishers, Wiley-VCH. I had the permanent encouragement of Dr. Eva Wille and the great help of Dr. Carina Kniep on both projects.

It has been an exciting year. But I would not have ventured into these new projects if I were not sure of having **your** support. As an editor you work for authors and readers. Listening to **your** lectures, reading **your** papers, hearing **your** advice—that's what makes me tick! I thank you all for making my professional life so enjoyable and I look forward to many fruitful interactions with you in the future and to celebrating the success of *Chemistry—An Asian Journal* at the next Pacificchem in five years.

Cheers!

Peter Goeltz

Kommentare zu *CHEMISTRY—AN ASIAN JOURNAL*



Ryoji Noyori
Vorsitzender des Kuratoriums von
Chemistry—An Asian Journal
Nobelpreisträger

Chemistry—An Asian Journal offers a highly visible arena for top papers from researchers around the world and especially Asia. With their unique cultural backgrounds, Asian researchers will significantly expand the horizons of chemical science. Complementing the existing top European and American journals, *Chemistry—An Asian Journal* will spur a „quantum leap“ in Asian chemistry.



Chunli Bai
Präsident der Chinese
Chemical Society

The inauguration of *Chemistry—An Asian Journal* is a milestone marking the new beginning of the alliance of Asian chemists. The journal will bring about great advances in Asian chemistry, and the Chinese Chemical Society will do its utmost to promote its success.



Animesh Chakravorty
Präsident der Chemical
Research Society of India

At an accelerating pace, the present century will witness many great findings in chemical science originating from the East. The launch of *Chemistry—An Asian Journal*, driven by the four major Asian chemical societies, is thus truly symbolic of this outlook. *Chemistry—An Asian Journal* is destined to be a top chemistry journal that will publish much of the best from the East and the world over.



Shinji Murai
Präsident der Chemical
Society of Japan

The Asian societies have joined forces to establish a world-class chemistry journal. United, we can push forward the boundaries of chemical science and technology.



Kook Joe Shin
Präsident der Korean
Chemical Society

Inaugurating a first-class Asian journal in chemistry for which chemical societies from China, India, Japan, and Korea collaborate is a truly historic event. Its success will be guaranteed with the prestigious editorial leadership of Professor Ryoji Noyori and with the support from *Angewandte Chemie* which is the carrier journal during the initial stage.



Henning Hopf
Präsident der Gesellschaft
Deutscher Chemiker

Chemists all over the world have witnessed the stunning development of Asian chemistry during the last decades. This requires a world-class chemical journal that has its roots in Asia. The German Chemical Society is proud to support *Chemistry—An Asian Journal*, the new sister publication of *Angewandte Chemie* and *Chemistry—A European Journal*.



Jean-Marie Lehn
Gründungsherausgeber von
Chemistry—A European Journal
Nobelpreisträger

The great activity displayed by chemists of Asian countries requires a high-visibility journal. Like *Chemistry—A European Journal* has done at the European level, through the united action of European chemical societies, *Chemistry—An Asian Journal* will offer to chemists in Asian countries a forum for the disclosure of top-level chemical research.