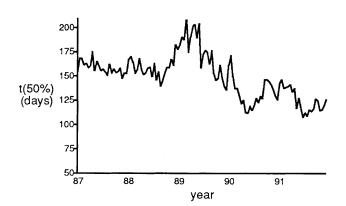
## Editorial

The work of the Society's Journals Department was seriously affected by the relocation of the editorial offices from London to Cambridge in 1988/89, and publication times on all journals, including *Chemical Communications*, rose to unacceptable levels during the period of maximum disruption. The editorial staff have been making strenuous efforts to reduce publication times, and, as Fig. 1 shows, there has been a steady reduction from the very long times in 1988–1990. We are now in a good position to publish communications within an acceptable timescale, and we believe that our speed of publication is highly competitive with that in other conventionally typeset journals which contain communications. Our continuing efforts are making further reductions where possible, but without in any way affecting the quality or the

attention to detail which has come to be expected of the Society's publications.

The international nature of our authorship is obvious from Fig. 2, which shows the distribution of the countries of origin of communications received in 1991. Our subscriptions figures show that *Chemical Communications* is also widely read throughout the world. We welcome submissions of suitable quality in any area of chemistry. If you publish your work regularly in *Chemical Communications*, thank you for your continuing support; if you have not sent us a communication before, and would like further information, please contact the editorial office.



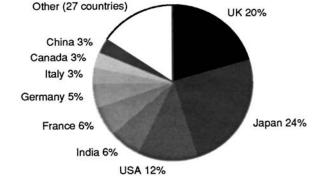


Fig. 1 Publication times, 1987-1991. t(50%) =time from receipt for publication of the fastest 50% of communications in each issue.

Fig. 2 Distribution of countries of origin of communications received in 1991.

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