

# ChemComm gets set for another high impact year

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Welcome to the first issue of *ChemComm* for 2008. In this Editorial we take a glimpse at the exciting year ahead and welcome Professor Peter Kündig as the new Chair of the *ChemComm* Editorial Board.

## Introduction

2007 proved to be another successful year for *ChemComm*. The impact factor increased once again and we continued to be the fastest publisher of a vibrant blend of high quality general chemistry research. With rapid publication times, an impact factor of 4.52 and high visibility, *ChemComm* really does remain the perfect choice for work that commands universal respect.

## Editorial Board changes

2007 marked the end of Professor Roeland Nolte's highly successful term as Chairman of the *ChemComm* Editorial Board. We extend our enormous gratitude to Professor Nolte for his dedication and guidance in developing the journal over the last four years. During his term we have seen the transition to weekly publication, the introduction of the new easily readable three-page format, the launch of the new-look website, *ChemComm*'s 40th anniversary celebrations, including a series of lectures and specially commissioned anniversary articles, and a substantial increase in *ChemComm*'s impact factor to its current value of 4.52, reflecting the high standard of published research. We are extremely grateful to Roeland for his support of the Editorial Board, the Editorial Advisory Board and the *ChemComm* Editorial Team.

We also thank retiring Board members Professor Alois Fürstner and Professor Shankar Balasubramanian for all their hard work during their terms of office.

In addition, we are extremely grateful to Professor Andy Evans for his valuable work as the Associate Editor for Organic Chemistry over the past three years. We look forward to continuing to work with

Professor Evans as he remains on the Editorial Board.

## New Editorial Board Chair

This year we welcome Professor Peter Kündig as the new Editorial Board Chairman. Peter Kündig is Professor of Organic Chemistry at the University of Geneva. His research interests extend from mechanistic organometallic

chemistry to the development of new efficient reactions and catalysts and their application in synthesis. Professor Kündig's aspirations for *ChemComm* are to 'further increase the visibility of the journal in all areas of frontier chemistry and strengthen its position as one of the leading communication journals in which everyone wants to publish their best and newest research'.

## Announcing a new Associate Editor for Organic Chemistry

*Professor Michael P. Doyle*



Research in Professor Doyle's group includes the design and development of transition metal catalysts capable of high selectivity in organic chemical transformations. Focus is placed on applications that are relevant to the pharmaceutical industry. The group has developed chiral dirhodium catalysts that are effective for a broad range of metal carbene and Lewis acid catalyzed transformations, and recent efforts have centred on efficient chemical oxidations.

**Professor Doyle will be pleased to receive submissions from the Americas via ReSource—our online homepage for authors and referees**

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## New Associate Editor for Organic Chemistry

We also welcome Professor Michael P. (Mike) Doyle from the University of Maryland as the new US Associate Editor for Organic Chemistry. Submissions to *ChemComm* from the Americas to all our Associate Editors are welcomed *via* ReSource, our homepage for authors and referees.

## ChemComm Symposia

2007 saw the first *ChemComm* International Symposium. This free one day event took place in China at Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou. The theme for the meeting was polymers and polymer science and the meeting included talks by Professors David Haddleton, Heather Maynard, Alan Rowan and Zhang Xi. The event was very kindly hosted by the Institute of Chemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing, Professor Guo-Xin Jin of Fudan University in Shanghai and Professor Xiao-Ming Chen from Sun Yat-Sen University in Guangzhou. More information can be found at [www.rsc.org/chemcommsymposia](http://www.rsc.org/chemcommsymposia) and we look forward to hosting future symposia during 2008.

## Award-winning technology and enhanced HTML articles

Launched in February 2007, *RSC Project Prospect* has had an exceptional first year. Bringing science alive *via* enhanced HTML articles in RSC journals, the project delivers: hyperlinked compound information (including downloadable structures) in text; links to IUPAC Gold Book terms; ontology terms linked to definitions and related articles; plus RSS feeds that include structured subject and compound information, enabling at-a-glance identification of relevant articles. As the only publisher able to offer these enhancements, we were delighted to be awarded the 2007 ALPSP/Charlesworth Award for Publishing Innovation. The judges described *RSC Prospect* articles as “delightfully simple to use ... benefits to authors and readers are immediately obvious”. Around 1400 articles have now been published with enhanced HTML – to see for yourself, look out for the

*RSC Prospect* icon on our website. Further developments in the project will be announced in 2008. Many of you have already told us how impressed you are with the project – [www.projectprospect.org](http://www.projectprospect.org) has examples of enhanced articles, feedback from the scientific community, plus the latest news.

Following feedback from journal readers a number of changes have been introduced across all RSC Journals. The *ChemComm* homepage now contains the contents list for the current issue, delivering the content you want to see as soon as you arrive at the site (see Fig. 1). Graphical abstracts are included as standard, allowing you to browse content much more conveniently. A more prominent and easy-to-use search box also makes finding published research much more intuitive. Advance Articles will soon also be available in pdf format.

For authors, the RSC Journal templates have been revised and updated to

assist submission in a format similar to the journal layout. The guidelines for the use of colour in RSC Journals will be relaxed during 2008, and the decision on the free use of colour will be based on whether the use of colour *enhances* the scientific understanding of the figure (the old policy required the colour to be *essential*). In addition, for the online version of the journals, colour will be introduced at no cost in both the pdf and HTML versions.

## Molecular BioSystems spin out

It's official: *Molecular BioSystems* has separated from *ChemComm* and is now a fully fledged solo publication. Its availability since launch to readers of *ChemComm* and the online hosts, *Organic & Biomolecular Chemistry*, *Lab on a Chip*, *The Analyst* and *Analytical Abstracts* ensured that *Molecular BioSystems* received a large and interdisciplinary

The screenshot shows the RSC Publishing website for ChemComm. The header includes 'RSC Publishing' and navigation links like 'Online Shop', 'Contact us', and 'Advanced search'. Below the header is a search bar and a 'Publishing' section with a dropdown menu. The main content area is titled 'ChemComm' and features a 'Contents' list for the current issue. The 'Contents' list includes 'Front cover', 'Chem. Commun., 2007, 4549', and 'DOI: 10.1039/b716308h'. The page also features a 'Latest News' section with articles such as 'ChemComm Editorial Board member named Korea's National Scientist' and 'Hot Article: New tetra-thiafulvalene-based molecular wires'. A 'Further News' section highlights 'Substrate screening made simple'. The right sidebar contains 'RSC quicklinks', 'Free to Subscribers', 'Also Of Interest', and 'Popular activities'. At the bottom, there are advertisements for 'Lab on a Chip', 'The Chemistry and Biology of Winemaking', and 'CrystEngSelects', along with the 'envirowise' logo.

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audience from the outset. *ChemComm* readers wishing to continue to read *Molecular BioSystems* now need to recommend the journal to their librarian. Fill in the online recommendation form at [www.rsc.org/libraryrecommendation](http://www.rsc.org/libraryrecommendation)

### **Energy & Environmental Science**

RSC Publishing will be launching a new journal in Summer 2008. *Energy & Environmental Science* will cover all aspects of the chemical sciences relating to energy conversion and storage and environmental science. Visit the website for the latest news: [www.rsc.org/ees](http://www.rsc.org/ees)

### **'ChemComm book of choice' scheme**

Launched in Spring 2007, the *RSC eBook Collection* offers scientists across the

globe online access to a prestigious and wide ranging portfolio of chemical science books which span 40 years of research and opinion.

The *RSC eBook Collection* is testament to the RSC's innovation in publishing as well as the high quality of the content of our books. With further technical developments and new 2008 content being uploaded throughout the year the *RSC eBook Collection* is set to become a key resource. To search the *Collection* or for further information visit [www.rsc.org/ebooks](http://www.rsc.org/ebooks)

Scientists from all over the world will be able to take advantage of the free first chapter downloads and from January 2008, *ChemComm* will regularly highlight a book specifically for our readers through our 'ChemComm book of choice' scheme. More information is available on the *ChemComm* website.

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### **Final remarks**

2008 promises to be an exceptional year for *ChemComm*. We thank all our authors, referees and readers for their continued support. On behalf of the Editorial Board and the *ChemComm* team at the RSC, we would like to wish you a happy and successful 2008.



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