

Editorial

Despite the recessionary times, 1992 was a good year for *Chemical Communications*. We published more international-calibre papers and our very competitive times to publication continue to fall. Some papers have even sped through the publication process with times from receipt to despatch as low as sixty days.

Of course, speed is not our only aim, quality is paramount and is, we hope, never compromised for the sake of rapid publication. Every paper receives detailed editorial attention from professional, graduate staff. Such attention is especially important for those papers whose authors' native tongue is not English.

The advent of computer-generated graphics has also led to an increased use of colour in the Journal to clarify complex

arguments; this can often be of great benefit to the Journal's international readership. There are no page charges to authors whether their work contains colour artwork or not and the principal author receives 50 reprints free of charge, with the option to purchase extra copies.

We can only hope that 1993 will see the start of an economic upturn and the continued success of the Journal for its valued authors, both RSC and non-RSC members, its dedicated and hard-working referees, and loyal readership.

By way of a footnote, referees might like to note that, following Editorial Board recommendations, the Communications review form has been redesigned. We hope that the new format will make the task of conveying their assessment of a manuscript to the Editor a little easier.

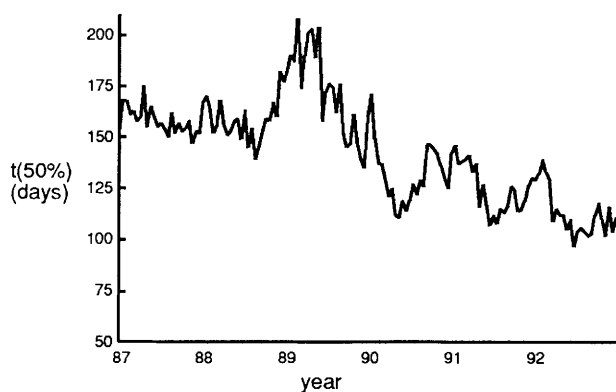


Fig. 1 Publication times, 1987–1992. $t(50\%)$ = time from receipt for publication of the fastest 50% of communications in each issue

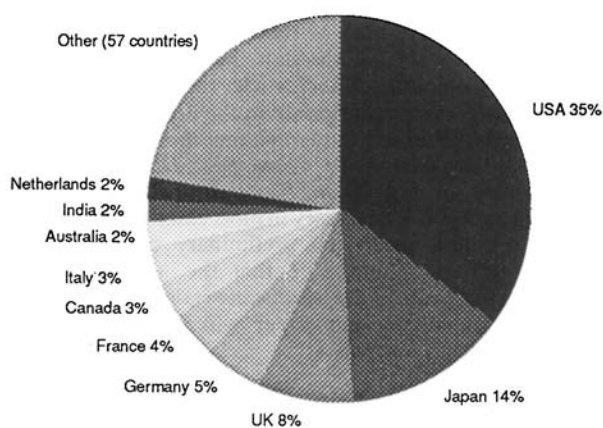


Fig. 2 Distribution of subscribers to the Journal by country for 1992

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