

Editorial

1994 was an eventful year for *Chemical Communications*. First the presentation of communications was changed such that, now, every article starts at the top of a right-hand page. Communications are restricted in length to two Journal pages except in very exceptional circumstances.

Secondly, in July 1994 graphical abstracts were introduced to allow a reader rapidly to identify articles of immediate interest, and to aid browsing through some of the articles featuring topics of more peripheral interest.

Thirdly, reprints are supplied in attractive folders for easy storage and distribution.

The team of expert referees forming the Panel now totals 270 and this group has helped to improve "times to publication." Most articles are now published in under three months from receipt in the Editorial Office (Fig. 1), and some are published in under two months!

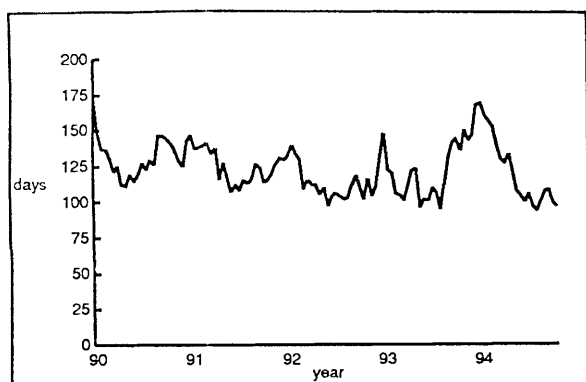


Fig. 1 Publication times, 1990–1994. $t(50\%)$ = time from receipt for publication of the fastest 50% of communications in each issue.

Moreover, the referees have continued to maintain the very high standards demanded by the Journal—the rejection rate is consistently around 47%. We are very grateful to all those who regularly referee communications for their efforts to ensure that high standards are maintained, and that publication times are short.

The number of articles received in the office is continuing to rise (2200 for 1994), and this is reflected in the number of pages published in 1994 (approaching 3000).

During 1995, *Chemical Communications* will continue to publish work of the very highest quality from every part of the world (Fig. 2) across the spectrum of chemistry and will endeavour vigorously to ensure that it retains its position as the premier Journal solely committed to the rapid publication of significant and noteworthy results.

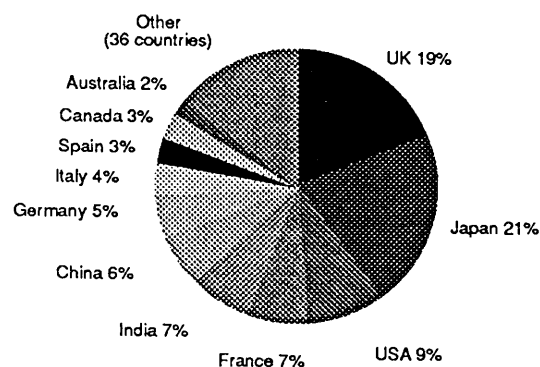


Fig. 2 Geographical distribution of submissions in 1994

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