

Forthcoming launch of new journal *Molecular BioSystems*

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We are delighted to announce that next month sees the publication of the first issue of the RSC's exciting new interdisciplinary journal *Molecular BioSystems*.

This latest development from RSC Publishing is of particular benefit to subscribers of *ChemComm* since they will have **free access** to *Molecular BioSystems* either online or in print and online, depending on their current *ChemComm* subscription.



As the traditional boundaries between chemistry, biology and physics become ever more blurred the RSC is committed to publishing significant research from across the interfaces of these disciplines. In demonstration of this the *Chemical Biology Virtual Journal* (<http://www.rsc.org/chembiolvj>) was launched in 2002 to assist the chemical biology community by drawing together the significant amount of relevant work published across all RSC journals. That same year *ChemComm* made a further commitment to increasing its chemical biology content when Professor Barbara Imperiali joined the Editorial Board as a new **chemical biology Associate Editor** for the Americas.¹ Her hard work together with that of Scientific Editor Professor Donald Hilvert and the other Editorial and Advisory Board members has led to a significant increase in the number of chemical biology papers now published in *ChemComm*.

Building on this success in publishing chemical biology, and in keeping with a rapidly growing field, we are confident that now is the time for the RSC to further demonstrate our commitment to

developing new areas of the chemical sciences by launching a chemical biology journal. *Molecular BioSystems* will be a **high quality interdisciplinary journal** publishing novel and challenging research as it emerges at the interface between chemistry and biology. The content will particularly appeal to those interested in systems biology, molecular medicine and the -omic sciences and will focus on the links between the fundamental disciplines within chemistry and the emerging world of chemical biology. In addition to **Papers** and **Communications**, *Molecular BioSystems* will publish **Methods**, **Reviews** of topical areas of research, **Highlights** of developing areas of research, and personal **Opinions** on topics of current interest to the community. Further details about the scope and contents of the journal, together

with the **first Advance Articles** for the journal, are available at <http://www.molecularbiosystems.org>

ChemComm and other established RSC journals will continue to attract and publish excellent chemical biology of relevance to the scope of each journal and *Molecular BioSystems* provides a new forum for publication of novel work at the interface between chemistry and biology. We look forward to next month's launch of *Molecular BioSystems* and to a mutually beneficial relationship between *ChemComm* and *Molecular BioSystems*.

With very best wishes,

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Professor Imperiali is the Ellen Swallow Richards Professor of Chemistry and Professor of Biology at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Her research interests are concerned with the diverse aspects of protein structure, function and design. A multidisciplinary approach involving synthesis, state-of-the-art spectroscopy, molecular modelling, enzymology and molecular biology is employed to address fundamental problems at the interface of chemistry and biology.

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