
Editorial 2006

When comparing the 2004 and 2005 issues of *Heteroatom Chemistry* (HC), several trends emerge. The first very positive one is a 20% increase in the number of published papers and pages in 2005 versus 2004. We just wish that this trend continues in 2006 as our ultimate goal is to have a monthly publication.

As discussed last year, we can classify the papers published by HC in two categories—genuine heteroatom chemistry and classical heterocyclic chemistry. The border between the two categories is, of course, sometimes difficult to delineate. Our policy is to increase the percentage of papers devoted to genuine heteroatom chemistry. The progress has been slow: 56% of the papers are dealing with heteroatom chemistry in 2005 versus 52% in 2004. We must continue in this direction.

It is also quite striking that finding referees for heteroatom chemistry is far easier than for classical heterocyclic chemistry! As a general rule, the average delay in the refereeing procedure is still rather long. However, the online publication system tends to accelerate the processing of the manuscripts. This positive trend must also be reinforced.

In 2005, a special issue has been dedicated to our Co-editor and esteemed colleague Alfred Schmidpeter. The next special issue in 2006 will publicize heteroatom chemistry in Russia. The Guest Editor will be Oleg Sinyashin of the well-known Arbuzov Institute in Kazan.

Finally, I would like to wish all the chemists of our community a happy and fruitful New Year!

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