
Editorial

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This year, several personal changes are taking place at the helm of our journal. First, Professor Juzo Nakayama, who has served for several years as Far East Editor, has decided to step down for personal reasons. We wish him the best in his new position, and we warmly thank him for the quality and the consistency of the work that he has done for *Heteroatom Chemistry*. He is replaced by Professor Akihiko Ishii (Saitama University). We welcome Professor Ishii and hope to have a long and fruitful collaboration with him. In the same vein, our editorial assistant, Magali Clochard, has left us for France and is replaced by Matthew Duffy. We wish her a rewarding career.

On a more technical note, Wiley has decided to install *Heteroatom Chemistry* in Earlyview, beginning with the first issue of 2008. This means that readers will be able to see an article as soon as it is ready for publication.

Finally, I wish to greet two members of our community. Professor Irina Beletskaya, Moscow University, has been awarded the prestigious International Arbuzov Prize for 2007. Her impressive work ranges from organophosphorus chemistry to palladium-catalyzed coupling reactions. She has published about 850 scientific papers. Professor Louis Quin, one of the founders of heterocyclic phosphorus chemistry, will celebrate his 80th birthday in 2008. He has actively participated in the birth of *Heteroatom Chemistry* and is one of its honorary editors. I owe him a personal debt for his encouraging advices and kindness when starting my scientific career.

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