
Editorial

This year marks the twentieth volume of our journal and is a year of change for *Heteroatom Chemistry*. Last fall, Professor Mathey stepped down as the editor due to his relocation to take up a professorship at the Nanyang University. The journal and the community of heteroatom chemists are greatly indebted to Professor Mathey for his service to the journal. We wish him well in his new position. In January, I assumed the position of the editor for the journal. Along with Professors Ishii and Schmidpeter, I have been trying to process a backlog of papers during the last month. During this difficult period, I would like to thank all our authors for their patience since the turnaround time on papers has been longer than desired. I would also like to thank Ms. Amy Prisco at Wiley for assisting the editors during this time. We also welcome Ms. Michelle Ng, the new editorial assistant for the journal, who will be based at the Vancouver office.

Manuscripts for *Heteroatom Chemistry* should report studies of the structure, bonding, and reactivity of main group compounds of groups 13–17 of the periodic table. Papers presenting the results of molecular modeling studies are also welcomed. We still continue to receive a majority of submissions in the field of classical heterocyclic chemistry.

Since 2006, the editors have been screening each manuscript for its suitability for publication in the journal. Only papers that are deemed by the editors to be in the area of genuine heteroatom chemistry are subject to a traditional reviewing process. This results in a fairly high rejection rate.

A number of new initiatives have and will be taken in 2009. For example, we will now give the author the option to provide the names and contact information for up to three possible reviewers during the manuscript submission process. It is hoped that this will expedite the refereeing process. Additional efforts are underway to publicize the journal and attract more articles on genuine heteroatom chemistry.

In closing, the area of heteroatom chemistry continues to be an exciting research frontier. I look forward to working with the community to make the pages of *Heteroatom Chemistry* a choice forum to highlight important breakthroughs in this field.

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