

## What's New in 2002

With this issue of *Inorganic Chemistry*, you will notice a different look to the inside of the journal. A new layout has been adopted that we believe will make the journal easier and more attractive to read. Communications, Articles and Award perspectives will be clearly identified in the upper right-hand corner, abstracts will be more clearly printed and the text will be more spaciouly presented. The illustrated Table of Contents will be in color and selected articles including award contributions will have Web-enhanced graphics. Coupled with the new cover design implemented last year, the new inside layout gives *IC* a contemporary appearance consistent with the research we publish.

For Communications, there are two additional consequences of the new design. First, because of the more spacious and readable presentation, we will move to a three-page limit as the regular length for Communications (previously, it had only been allowed in special cases). Second, Communications will be printed with brief abstracts (80–150 words) in order to provide non-ACS abstracting and information services with article information to be retrieved on request.

Another change we are implementing is that Notes will no longer be published. This change focuses on the fact that Notes are studies of limited or bounded scope at a time when journal resources must be maximized. In this context, the Editors of *IC* believe that our journal's pages should be devoted entirely to high-impact communications, comprehensive full studies and invited perspectives relating to awards.

You will also notice that the Table of Contents has been modified not to have a separate listing or tag of bioinorganic contributions. We recognize well the importance of bioinorganic chemistry, and consider its continuing presence in the journal as one of highest priority. The purpose for the separate Table of Contents listing for bioinorganic papers was to demonstrate a base of biologically-related papers which would be referenced in Medline. That goal was achieved last year, and indeed, the entire contents of *IC* are now accessible in that way. There are a number of people to thank for this, but most especially members of the bioinorganic chemistry community who view *IC* as the proper home for their published work. I like to think that bioinorganic chemistry in its many and varied manifestations will become an even larger component of *IC* contributions in the future.

I am pleased to announce that *IC* is now accepting Web submission of all articles. The procedure for doing a

Web submission is described on the *IC* homepage (<http://pubs.acs.org/IC>; select "submit manuscript"). Use of the ACS-supplied templates for either Communications or Articles is optional. The template for Communications is valuable to authors in ensuring that their Communication is of the proper length. Some authors have enjoyed creating their manuscripts using the templates while others have not. Either way, Web submission is possible and we encourage it. Reviewers can access these manuscripts on the Web, or the particular *IC* editorial office handling the submission will be able to provide hard copy of the manuscript as is the current practice. Web submission and reviewing of articles should lead to quicker reviewing and processing, which we have already observed this year for Web-submitted Communications.

Another improvement is the capability of receiving Web galleys for all manuscripts, whether submitted electronically or by mail. ACS Publications is pleased to offer this service more extensively than before and reports that the use of Web galleys has helped reduce the time between manuscript acceptance and publication.

Finally, I would like to call your attention to two changes regarding Editors of *IC*. First, I want to welcome Professor Kim Dunbar of Texas A&M University as a new Associate Editor of the journal. Kim is known to all members of the inorganic chemistry community as a superb scientist in the synthesis, structure and properties of metal complexes and dinuclear systems. Her current research efforts focus in part on the design and study of magnetic and conducting materials from molecular building blocks, an area of growing *IC* interest.

The second change is that after twelve years of editing, Professor Albert Haim of Stony Brook is stepping down. Albert handled most papers dealing with kinetics and reaction mechanisms during his tenure, as well as many more. He was (and remains) a tireless editor who served as the conscience of the journal on many occasions. Albert has earned our undying thanks and the gratitude of the entire *Inorganic Chemistry* family. We wish him well and know that we will hear from him if we deviate from course in the wrong direction. This issue's cover by Professor Rudi van Eldik is dedicated to Albert.

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