

Editorial

In the past five years the members of the editorial board, the referees and the publisher have given the highest priority to maintaining the shortest possible publication delays and high quality. These efforts are no doubt appreciated by our authors who continue to submit more articles than the available space allows to be published. By publishing year after year, hundreds of extra pages it has still been possible to maintain our policy of quick publication.

However, the moment has come to appeal to our authors to submit more concisely written papers so that we may continue our policy of rapid publication without levying page charges. We therefore urge authors to limit the text to the essential features of their research results. From the printed article we will delete the less relevant tables on elemental analysis or IR-UV spectral data. These tables will still be necessary for the refereeing of papers, but will be deposited at the editorial office and copies will be made available to any researcher upon request.

With this first 1980 issue of *Inorganica Chimica Acta* we introduce some further changes.

Hitherto, each of the monthly issues of *Inorganica Chimica Acta* contained a mixture of full length articles and letters on inorganic chemical topics. As from this year the two types of papers will be published in separate monthly issues; the articles in the usual red cover and the letters in a green cover.

The branching out from inorganic chemistry into *bioinorganic chemistry*, which was introduced in 1979, has met with enthusiastic response from the researchers active in this field. A continued increase in submission of papers is expected in the years to follow. When rethinking the organization of *Inorganica Chimica Acta* it was therefore logical to also provide separate issues for the *bioinorganic chemistry articles and letters*. These will now be published in a blue cover at an initial frequency of six issues per year. Our editorial policy for the *bioinorganic chemistry articles and letters* will be outlined in the first 1980 issue which is due late February 1980.

To summarize, subscribers will thus receive in 1980, the following issues of INORGANICA CHIMICA ACTA:

INORGANICA CHIMICA ACTA – ARTICLES: the monthly issues in the red cover contain full length inorganic chemistry papers. Volumes 38 - 43 are assigned to this section.

INORGANICA CHIMICA ACTA – LETTERS: the monthly issues in the green cover contain the inorganic chemistry letter contributions. Volumes 44 and 45 are assigned to these letters.

INORGANICA CHIMICA ACTA – BIOINORGANIC CHEMISTRY ARTICLES AND LETTERS: the bi-monthly issues in a blue cover contain both articles and letters on *bioinorganic chemistry*. Volume 46 will be devoted to this section.

A complete publication scheme for the 30 issues to be published in 1980 will be found on page 2 of the cover of all issues.

Finally, at the start of this new decade I wish to assure the research community using this journal as its information vehicle that all involved with Inorganica Chimica Acta will continue to devote all efforts to serve you in the eighties to the best of our abilities.

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