
Editorial

From the start of 1989 we have decided, in close collaboration with the Publisher, to make several important changes to *Inorganica Chimica Acta*. These changes have been introduced with the intention of improving the scope and content, organisation, scientific quality and international standing of the journal.

Firstly, to direct the focus clearly on inorganic chemistry we have decided to discontinue the separate volumes of *Bioinorganic Chemistry* (blue covers) as well as the *f-Block Elements* section which appears in the red covers. Papers concerning bioinorganic chemistry and f-block elements of a direct interest to inorganic chemists will still be published but hereonin there will be only one journal with no specific sections. *Inorganica Chimica Acta – Bioinorganic Chemistry* will thus no longer be available as a separate subscription. We will continue to publish both Letters (important preliminary results requiring rapid publication) and Articles (full research reports). Topics covered by *Inorganica Chimica Acta* in the future are outlined as follows:

- synthesis and reactivity of coordination and metallorganic compounds;
- structural, spectroscopic and bonding properties of inorganic molecules;
- catalytic reactions promoted by inorganic systems;
- electron transfer reactions involving inorganic systems, including electrochemical investigations;
- reaction mechanisms of nucleophilic substitutions or electrophilic attacks on inorganic or metallorganic compounds;
- basic studies of bio-inorganic molecular models.

Secondly, on an editorial level, we have also made some important modifications. Prof. U. Belluco has been appointed as 'Managing Editor' to coordinate the massive administrative task which this journal represents. The old Associate Editors and the Advisory Boards of the three sections are to be merged into one new overall Advisory Board. This new board will consist of around 40 top scientists from around the world and will be involved in developing the scientific content and adjudicating refereeing conflicts. This rationalisation has meant that we will be asking many old friends to stand down and we take this opportunity to offer them our warmest thanks for their cooperation over the years. It will be our policy to review regularly the Board to keep in step with scientific developments. With respect to refereeing, we are developing a computerised system to create a large international Refereeing Panel for the journal. We will shortly be sending out questionnaires and letters of invitation to prospective referees. This will mean that all papers will have two referees, picked specifically from our extensive international database. In this way our editorial network will be developed into a three tier system, Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor, Advisory Board, and Refereeing Panel.

Thirdly, several minor changes to the style of presentation are also to be introduced. These are outlined as follows:

References: the style of presentation has been adapted to the 'volume (year) page' system which is more commonly used.

Tables: numbering in arabic rather than roman numerals.

American State Abbreviations: will now follow the more popular version i.e. CA, CO, NY, etc.
Please see 'Instructions to Authors' in 1989 issues for more details.

Finally, we hope that you will agree with and support these changes and we thank you all for your past and future involvement/cooperation with the journal.

Ugo Croatto – Umberto Belluco