

Publisher's note

Founded 33 years ago, the *Journal of Fluorine Chemistry* is the only Journal exclusively dedicated to describing fundamental and applied research on all aspects of fluorine and fluorine compounds. Since its inception, the Journal has continuously developed to meet the changing needs of the scientific community. As we now publish the first 2004 issue of the Journal, we wish to draw your attention to a number of new developments.

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In 2004 the *Journal of Fluorine Chemistry* will move from 6 volumes of 2 issues annually, to one single volume of 12 issues.

In closing, we wish to thank the Journal's editorial team, comprising the Editors and their assistants for their unfailing support. We also wish to thank the Editorial Advisory Board members and the numerous international scientists who have refereed articles during the past years, for ensuring the continuing supply of high quality published papers.

With our very best wishes for 2004,

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