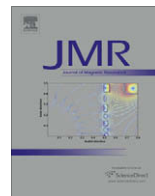


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## Editorial

### The 50th ENC

This year's Experimental NMR Conference marks its 50th Anniversary. It will be held at its traditional meeting site of Asilomar in Pacific Grove California. The Journal of Magnetic Resonance joins with the rest of the NMR community in congratulating the ENC on reaching this important milestone.

As NMR spectroscopy moved into the hands of practicing chemists, and ultimately into those of biochemists and radiologists, the ENC was founded as a forum for communicating practical aspects of maintaining and improving the instrumentation and the development and implementation of experimental methods. The first meeting was held in June 1960. The first issue of JMR was published less than nine years later in January 1969. Consequently, by the start of the 1970s, the principal mechanisms of communication were in place, and helped to set the stage for the rapid growth

of the field of NMR spectroscopy. Both the ENC and JMR have thrived, largely because of the full involvement of the community of experimental NMR spectroscopists.

The photograph was taken at one of the famous vendor suites at the 18th ENC held in Asilomar in 1977. With experimental spectra posted on the wall, the informal discussions are as important as the invited lectures. In this typical example, three acolytes receive wisdom from the doyen of solid-state NMR spectroscopy. Currently, all four are involved in the editing of JMR. Inside a vendor suite at the 18th ENC. Clockwise from the top: Robert Griffin, John Waugh, Eric Oldfield, and Stanley Opella.

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