In this issue, the reader will find a new form of presentation of Preliminary Communications. Since for this type of papers speed of publication is of signal importance, and since in the classical typographical method ("hot-type") unavoidable delays are involved, we have introduced the "cold-type" procedure, by which manuscripts can be set up in type almost immediately after receipt by the publisher. The time between manuscript receipt and publication can thus be reduced by one or two months.

In concert with the Editors of the Journal of Organometallic Chemistry it was decided not to separate the Preliminary Communications from the Journal itself. Although a medium in the form of "Organometallic Letters" might have speeded up publication, it was felt that such a separation and the resulting creation of a new periodical is undesirable, as it would give rise to objections from subscribers. The Editors agreed therefore wholeheartedly to the introduction of the new typographical presentation of the Preliminary Communications, which not only makes for improved publication times as a better service to authors and subscribers, but at the same time avoids the initiation of a special periodical devoted to papers for which priority treatment is desirable.