



Publisher's note

Founded in 1964, the oldest Journal on organometallic chemistry, the *Journal of Organometallic Chemistry*, this year celebrates its 40th birthday! Later in 2004 we will honour this memorable event with a special issue on the past, present and possible future of 40 years of organometallic chemistry research with contributions from the Board members and other leading scientists.

As we now publish the first 2004 issue of the *Journal of Organometallic Chemistry*, we wish to draw your attention to a number of new developments.

With unprecedented worldwide accessibility to the Journal through ScienceDirect, most readers now routinely access the Journal's content online. Articles accepted for publication are now published online before being compiled into an issue through the 'articles in press' section, minimising any delay between acceptance and accessibility. The rapid migration of readership from print to online has somewhat removed the need to be constrained by physical print issues, both in terms of the frequency of releasing content, and the type of content being presented. To reflect this shift, in 2004 the Journal will simplify its print publication schedule, changing from 24 volumes of 2 issues annually, to 1 volume of 26 issues. Each new issue is expected to be considerably larger than before, as the amount of material published overall will remain the same. In addition, multimedia content and supplementary data may now be attached to individual articles online, and illustrations may be presented online in colour at no cost to the author. These improvements will ensure the best service is offered to both authors and readers in the field.

Articles published in the *Journal of Organometallic Chemistry* continue to receive unparalleled readership and dissemination worldwide, as shown by:

- the 2002 ISI impact factor of 1.9
- significant online usage figures growing month by month

For 2003 the average publication time from manuscripts submitted online to publication online was just 14 weeks. To speed up the overall publication process, often with several weeks, we encourage you to submit your article electronically via: <http://authors.elsevier.com/jnlr/6019>.

Elsevier has clear guidelines for the deposition of crystallographic data, requiring pre-deposition of files in Crystallographic Information File (CIF) format at the relevant Data Centre prior to the submission of the manuscript. From 2004 onwards we have agreed with the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr) that authors use the Union's "checkCIF" service available at <http://checkcif.iucr.org> to validate CIF files before deposition. Authors are strongly recommended to take advantage of this service and submit manuscripts accompanied by an IUCr validation report to help the referees reviewing the manuscript.

In closing, we wish to thank the Journal's Editorial team for their ceaseless efforts to improve the Journal. Having organised another successful JOMC symposium at the recent ACS Fall meeting in New York, they are now inviting speakers for the 6th JOMC symposium on "Organometallics in Homogeneous Catalysis" planned for the 2005 PacificChem meeting. 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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