
Editorial

Nearly 11 years have passed since the first issue of the *Journal of Photochemistry* appeared. Over those years, we have seen changes in the emphasis of photochemical research that in part reflect the enormous growth of research activity. Our journal was founded to provide a medium for the publication of research papers concerned with emission or absorption of light, and physical properties of excited states in general: papers that had formerly been rather diluted amongst the kinetics, spectroscopy and general physical chemistry literature. The original audience, and contributors, were mainly physical photochemists interested in atoms and small molecules. Of the nine contributions in the first issue, seven dealt with species containing from one to four atoms; the remaining two were discussions of photochemical kinetics, although polyatomic species were involved.

In attempting to provide a service for photochemists, the scope of the journal has evolved from the original rather narrow coverage to include material concerned with photochemical behaviour in a wider sense and not simply photophysical processes, and, naturally, the molecules investigated have come to include many polyatomic organic compounds. The progressively wider scope over the years is reflected both by the types of paper published and by the increase in the number of volumes printed each year, from one in 1972 - 1973 to the present three. Expanded scope demands wider editorial expertise, and the single Editor of early volumes has been replaced by the present team, who attempt to span the range of interests represented by the journal. At the same time, the composition of the Editorial Board has undergone changes to provide the necessary range of advisory skills.

Widening scope and expansion of the journal are very good indications that the publication is playing an active and useful part in the research community to which it is dedicated. For this reason, we have decided that our subtitle and the statement about the scope of the journal found on the inside cover will be amended from now on, in order to represent correctly what is already our publication policy. Our belief is that photochemists who have hitherto thought the journal too specialized, or in an area peripheral to their own interests, will now recognize that the content is as general as our title. Your Editors hope to produce, for all photochemists, the "Journal of Photochemistry".

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