
Editorial

The first issue of the *Journal of Photochemistry* appeared 12 years ago. Since then photochemistry has continued to grow rapidly and has matured as a subject. This period has seen important and exciting developments in instrumentation and techniques, in synthetic applications, in mechanistic understanding, in theoretical rationalizations and in commercial applications. We thought it would be valuable to mark the appearance of this first issue of volume 25 of the journal by inviting a group of experts to record their impressions of the ways things have changed over the past decade or so in different areas of the subject. What significant developments have occurred? What is the current state of knowledge? What advances might the next decade bring?

We selected 17 topics that spanned the range of subjects central to the journal's coverage (at present this does not extend to photobiology and photomedicine), and each author was invited to contribute a personal account for this special issue. The styles obviously vary, but we believe that this overview of photochemistry will be of considerable interest, not only to those who would call themselves photochemists, but also to many other scientists.

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