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*Updating you on what's happening in journal publishing at
The Royal Society of Chemistry.*

The Price of RSC Journals

It is generally recognised that the cost of chemistry journals has risen steadily in recent years, while library budgets have tended to fall. This has inevitably led to librarians cutting back on journal subscriptions. But what criteria should librarians use when judging one journal against another?

As one recent study has shown, whether judged on price or quality, learned society journals come out on top.

John Christensen, physical sciences librarian at Brigham Young University, has conducted a survey comparing price/million characters and price against impact factor of the chemistry journals taken by his institution. In his words:

*"The underlying problem in the cost of chemical journals is the fact that commercial publications are four times more expensive than non-profit (mainly society) publications, when considering either quantity or quality".**

Learned and professional societies such as The Royal Society of Chemistry exist to promote science and its practitioners, and have a duty to members to make journals affordable. As you will see from our 1996 price list on page 2, RSC journals continue to be made available at highly competitive rates.

* *Chemistry and Industry*, 20 March 1995.

Journal of Materials Chemistry joins the RSC Package

The new-look package of RSC journals:

Journal of Materials Chemistry

Chemical Communications

Dalton Transactions (inorganic)

Faraday Transactions (physical)

Perkin Transactions I (organic)

Perkin Transactions 2 (physical organic)

Journal of Chemical Research (Synopsis and Miniprint/Microfiche)

From 1996, **Journal of Materials Chemistry** will be added to The Royal Society of Chemistry's package of primary journals, replacing the members' magazine **Chemistry in Britain** (issued free to 46,000 members) as the final component in this set of titles covering primary research in all areas of chemistry.

With the addition of **Journal of Materials Chemistry**, both the value and coverage of the package have been enhanced significantly. The JCS Package offers superb value to those that need the best information on current research in chemistry; providing, each year, thousands of pages of carefully selected, up-to-date research from all over the world.

At its 1996 price, the Package represents a substantial saving on the combined cover prices of its constituent titles; improving still further the kind of quality and value that a learned society can offer.

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1996 Prices

	EEA£ (European Economic Association)	US\$	RoW£ (Rest of World)
Primary Journals			
Chemical Communications	544.00	1032.00	558.00
Dalton Transactions	975.00	1848.00	999.00
Faraday Transactions	905.00	1717.00	928.00
Perkin Transactions 1	783.00	1486.00	803.00
Perkin Transactions 2	651.00	1234.00	667.00
Faraday Discussions	230.00	437.00	236.00
Analyst	487.00	923.00	499.00
Analytical Communications (formerly Analytical Proceedings)	191.00	361.00	195.00
Journal Of Analytical Atomic Spectrometry	599.00	1136.00	614.00
Journal of Materials Chemistry	519.00	984.00	532.00
Journal of Chemical Research Synopsis and Miniprint/ Microfiche	403.00	764.00	413.00
	(subject to VAT in the UK)		
Extra Synopsis or Miniprint	58.00	111.00	60.00
JCS Package	4302.00	8159.00	4410.00
Analyst & Analytical Communications	610.00	1156.00	625.00
Analyst & Analytical Abstracts	951.00	1804.00	975.00
Analyst, An Comm & Analytical Abstracts	1123.00	2129.00	1151.00
JAASbase Backfile (1986-94)	280.00	518.00	280.00
JAASbase Updates	99.00	183.00	99.00
Mendeleev Communications*	195.00	195.00	325.00
Russian Chemical Reviews	660.00	660.00	1090.00
Organic Process Research and Development	132.00	190.00	132.00
Review Journals			
Chemical Society Reviews	120.00	225.00	123.00
Natural Product Reports	325.00	615.00	333.00
Contemporary Organic Synthesis	185.00	350.00	190.00
Annual Reports Section A	115.00	215.00	118.00
Section B	109.00	205.00	112.00
Section C	115.00	215.00	118.00
Annual Reports Package	305.00	575.00	313.00
Issues in Environmental Science and Technology	29.50	55.00	30.50
* Personal rate	55.00	90.00	55.00

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Restructuring in Information Services

RSC Information Services in Cambridge, within which Journals Department is encompassed, has undergone a reorganisation. The activities of Information Services have been divided into two distinct areas: Production and Publishing.

The changes mean that there are new contacts for certain aspects of the Society's activities. New posts, with particular relevance to Journal production and publishing, are as follows:

Publishing

General Manager: Dr Ash Kabi

Journal Publisher: Dr Robert Parker

Production

General Manager: Dr Alan McNaught

Assistant General Manager, Journals:

Dr Peter Whittington

Assistant General Manager, Analytical Journals:

Dr F. John Taylor

Redesigned titles

From January 1996 a selection of top RSC journals will be published in stylish new formats, with redesigned covers and a different lay-out inside.

The journals in question are **Chemical Communications**, **Dalton Transactions** (inorganic chemistry), **Faraday Transactions** (physical chemistry and chemical physics), **Perkin Transactions 1** (organic chemistry) and **Perkin Transactions 2** (physical organic chemistry), **Journal of Materials Chemistry** and **Mendeleev Communications**.

NPR – further improvements

Natural Product Reports (NPR), the journal of current developments in bioorganic chemistry, is continuing to improve its format. From 1996 it will publish 'Highlights' articles, which will help the reader who is feeling overwhelmed by the increasing volume of published research. Each issue will contain a guide to the most recent developments in bioorganic research. **NPR** will guide you to the facts you need to know.

RSC Home Page on the World Wide Web

The URL of the RSC Home Page is

<http://chemistry.rsc.org/rsc/>

Prefix dropped from Chemical Communications

Many readers of **Chemical Communications** will be familiar with the prefix 'Journal of the Chemical Society' that accompanies the title on its cover. The prefix is to be dropped from the journal cover from January 1996, necessitating a change of ISSN, which will become 0022 4936.

New Journal from the RSC and ACS

A new journal, **Organic Process Research and Development**, is being co-produced by The Royal Society of Chemistry and the American Chemical Society. This new bi-monthly journal will contain comprehensive reviews of developments relating to the batch and semi-batch chemical process industries. Each issue will include:

- Subjective articles and reports from leading researchers
- Reports on original work in process chemistry
- Special focus on the design of chemical processes, and their translation from laboratory to manufacture
- Current R&D in the fine organic and speciality chemical industries
- Critical analysis, insightful opinions and much more

The first issue will be published in July 1996.

Annual Subscription 1996 (3 issues)

EEA and Rest of World	£132.00
USA	\$190.00

1996-7 (9 issues)

EEA and Rest of World	£264.00
USA	\$380.00

1997 (6 issues)

EEA and Rest of World	£264.00
USA	\$380.00

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New features for Journal of Chemical Research

From January 1996, the contents list, currently printed on the back cover, will be expanded and moved inside to include a pictorial representation of the paper content.

Management Board changes

Professor E W Abel has retired from his position representing the RSC on the Board. He is replaced by Professor A G Davies of University College London. Professor Davies is also Chairman of the RSC Journals Committee.

Professor R Hamelin has retired as a representative of the Société Française de Chimie, and his place is taken by Professor J Gore of the Université de Lyons.

Name change for Analytical Proceedings

From the January 1996 issue, **Analytical Proceedings**, which has been the RSC's journal for the publication of short, significant pieces of analytical research since January 1994, will be re-named **Analytical Communications** (ISSN 1359-7337). The new title reflects more accurately the current content of the journal, the majority of which is in the form of communications.

Journal of Materials Chemistry – the French connection

Professor Jean Etourneau of the Institut de Chimie de la Matière Condensée de Bordeaux has agreed to be an Associate Editor for **Journal of Materials Chemistry**. Professor Etourneau will provide a focus for the submission of work from mainland Europe, particularly in the subject area of solid-state materials chemistry. Professor Etourneau's expertise will complement that of Professors Allan Underhill (Editorial Board Chairman) and Martin Bryce (Scientific Advisory Editor).