

Report on the Perkin Journals for 1992

1992 Proved to be another excellent year for the Perkin Journals. Total manuscript submissions rose to 1371, the highest level yet recorded. Of these papers 64% were accepted for publication and these contributions made up the total of 5460 printed pages.

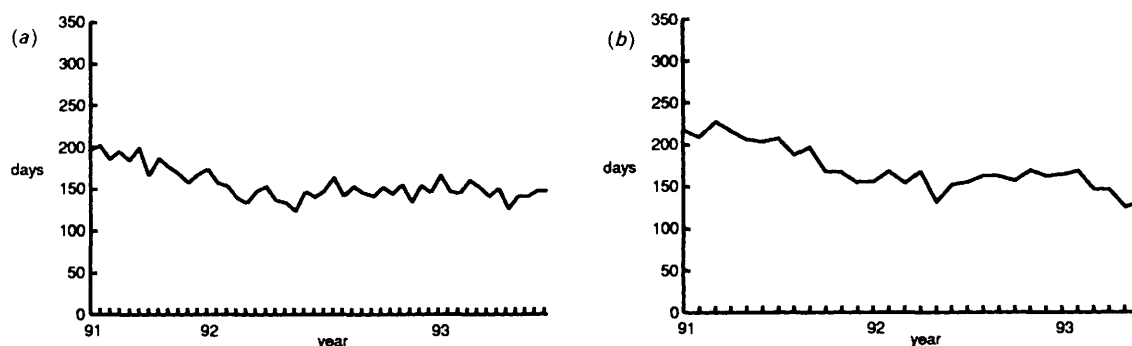


Fig. 1 Times-to-publication (from receipt) of full papers (time taken for the fastest 50% of the papers to be published): (a) *Perkin Trans. 1*; (b) *Perkin Trans. 2*

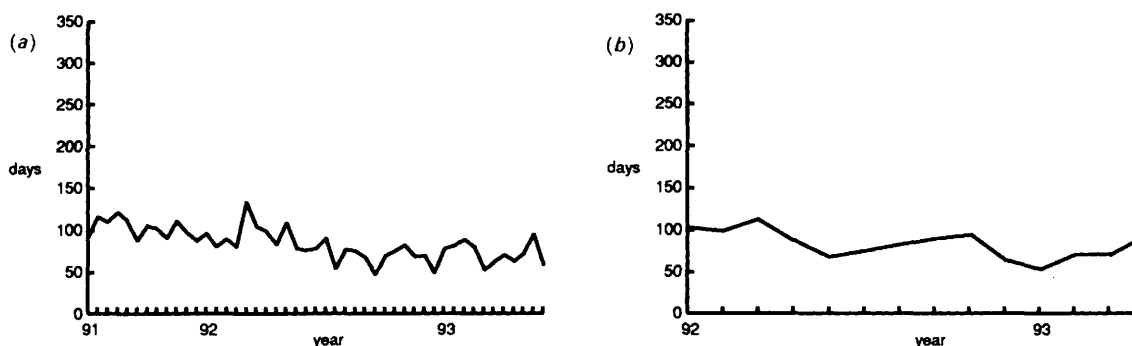


Fig. 2 Times-to-publication (from receipt) of communications (time taken for the fastest 50% of the communications to be published): (a) *Perkin Trans. 1*; (b) *Perkin Trans. 2*

The increased submission of high-quality papers probably reflects the impressive times to publication now routinely recorded by the Journals for full papers (Fig. 1) and communications (Fig. 2). Thus, a full paper will often be published within *four months* of its receipt in the Editorial Office; a communication can, and often does, appear in print within 60 days of leaving the author's desk. We believe that this represents a more efficient operation than any other high-quality Journal that offers a peer-reviewed, edited and typeset product.

The Perkin Journals continue to be an international forum for quality research in organic chemistry. Of the contributed articles 75% were submitted from countries outside the UK. The author of a paper or communication published in *Perkin Transactions* can be sure that the article will be seen in at least 40 different countries. By far the largest single readership is North America: the USA and Canada constitute 36% of our Library/institution subscriptions. And, of course, the revenue raised by the sales of *Perkin Transactions* does not remain as profit but is ploughed straight back into the furtherance and support of chemistry in a variety of ways.

The international profile of the Journals was further enhanced by the appointment of Advisory Boards, made up of acknowledged experts in synthetic organic chemistry and physical organic chemistry, from around the world.

New for 1993

From January this year *Perkin Transactions* has featured graphical abstracts of the papers and communications appearing in each issue. The layout of the contents list was designed to make it easy to scan the titles and authors down the left-hand side and the subject matter in the form of pictorial abstracts down the right-hand side.

North American Associate Editor

In September, Professor Tomas Hudlicky will take up his recent appointment as Associate Editor for the Journals in North America. It is hoped that he will bring to the attention of North American chemists the considerable benefits of publishing their research findings in *Perkin Transactions* and facilitate the assessment and processing of these manuscripts. Authors in the North American continent who would like to avail themselves of our services should address their manuscripts to:

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Happy Birthday Perkin Transactions!

This year *Perkin Transactions* comes of age (the twin Journals were launched in 1972). We were interested to find out how many authors had contributed 100 or more papers to the Perkin Journals. Our search uncovered four such persons:

Professor Sir D. H. R. Barton
Professor A. R. Katritzky
Dr. J. R. Hanson
the late Professor T. Kametani

The search was thorough but it is not impossible that we have missed one or two names that should be added to this list.

From August the Chairmanship of the Editorial Board changes from Professor Stan Roberts to Professor Bruce Gilbert. At the same time Dr. Bob Southgate and Dr. Jeremy Sanders leave the Editorial Board. We thank both Bob and Jeremy for their efforts on behalf of the Journals. We welcome Dr. Tim Gallagher (University of Bristol) to the ranks!

Professor Stanley M. Roberts
Chairman, Perkin Editorial Board
Dr. Sheila R. Buxton
Editorial Manager, Perkin Transactions