

Editorial

In 1989 The Royal Society of Chemistry relocated the majority of its activities to Thomas Graham House on the Trinity Science Park at Cambridge. Some 200 staff are now well established at the new site, which includes the editorial staff of *Dalton Transactions*. The current Editor of *Dalton Transactions* and Editorial Manager, Dalton, is Janet Dean who is supported by an editorial team consisting of Dr. Mark Green (Senior Assistant Editor), Miss Catherine Fowell (Assistant Editor), Dr. Alan Holder (Assistant Editor) and Miss Frances Brown (Editorial Secretary).



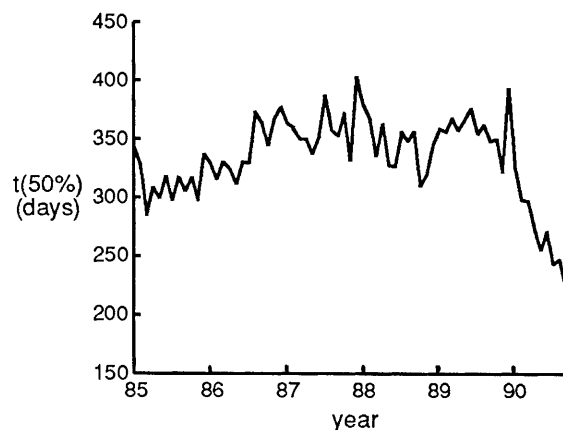
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The upheaval of relocation led, inevitably, to staff losses, a significant backlog of work and increased times to publication. Much of the backlog of work for *Dalton Transactions* was published in the first quarter of 1990 and thereafter publication times began to fall quite dramatically. Times to publication are now about 7 months from receipt to publication.

As publication times in the journal become more and more attractive to prospective authors it is likely that this will lead to increases in submissions. There are already indications that this is beginning to happen and, therefore, in order to maintain and reduce publication times still further, it is essential that papers are refereed critically, so that staff resources can be devoted entirely to the rapid publication of only the best of inorganic chemical research.

From this issue onwards a number of changes will be evident

Dalton receipt to publication times



to the regular reader of *Dalton Transactions*. The size of the journal has been increased to a standard A4 size, and following discussions with the members of the Dalton Editorial Board the typography of the title page for each paper has been re-designed. Also, to standardise editorial practice within the Journals Department and to bring the Journals up to date with current IUPAC recommendations a number of changes to the style have been made. Details of the new style are given in the Instructions for Authors in this issue. It is hoped that readers will find the journal more visually attractive and easier to read. The Dalton Editorial Board is currently looking at other modifications to the style of the journal and any Board member would be pleased to receive views which readers might have.

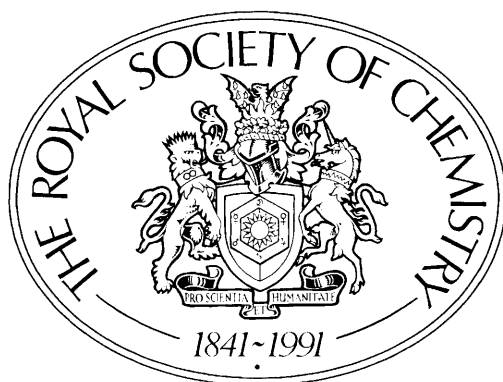
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Finally, the present Chairman of the Editorial Board, Professor M. G. H. Wallbridge (University of Warwick) will be retiring from the Board in July, to be succeeded by Professor G. J. Leigh (University of Sussex). The editorial staff would therefore like to take the opportunity to express their appreciation for all the assistance and advice Professor Wallbridge has given over his term of office and for his continued interest in the future of *Dalton Transactions*.

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