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## EDITORIAL

### ***The Journal of Coordination Chemistry: a 40 year perspective***

In 2011 the *Journal of Coordination Chemistry* celebrates its 40th anniversary. This celebration will be marked by Issue 1 having contributions from Editorial Board members and this brief history of the evolution of the Journal, and also by a few special reviews throughout the year.

The *Journal of Coordination Chemistry* was founded in 1971 by Art Martell as a publication of Gordon and Breach Science Publishers. For the first 11 years, the Journal was centered at Texas A&M with Art Martell as Editor, and Stanley Chaberek and Minoru Tsutsui as Associate Editors. The original Editorial Board (table 1) was impressive and most contributed significantly to Volumes 1 and 2. Figure 1 shows a schematic of the evolution of the Journal, with the Editorial changes. In 1982, Anthony Rest (Southampton University, UK) became Editor with Co-Editors Edwin Abbott (Montana State University, USA) and Yukito Murakami (Kyushu University, Japan).

Peter Williams (University College, Cardiff, UK) began his 23 years of editorship in 1983, although during that time period there were many changes to the Journal. Peter added Konstantin Yatsimirski (University of Kiev, USSR) as a third Co-Editor. In 1986, the *Journal of Coordination Chemistry* split into Section A for primary manuscripts and Section B for review manuscripts, with separate editorial staffs (figure 1). Peter Williams was Editor of Section A with Jerry Atwood (University of Alabama, USA), Masanobu Hidai (University of Tokyo, Japan), and Konstantin Yatsimirski as Co-Editors. Toschitake Iwamoto (University of Tokyo, Japan) was Editor of Section B with Jerry Atwood, Karl Brodersen (University of Erlangen–Nurnberg, Germany), and Janusz Lipkowski (Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland) as Regional Editors. This separation continued unchanged until 1993, except that Jim Atwood (University at Buffalo, USA) replaced Jerry Atwood in Section B and Peter Williams moved to the University of West Sydney, Australia, both in 1992.

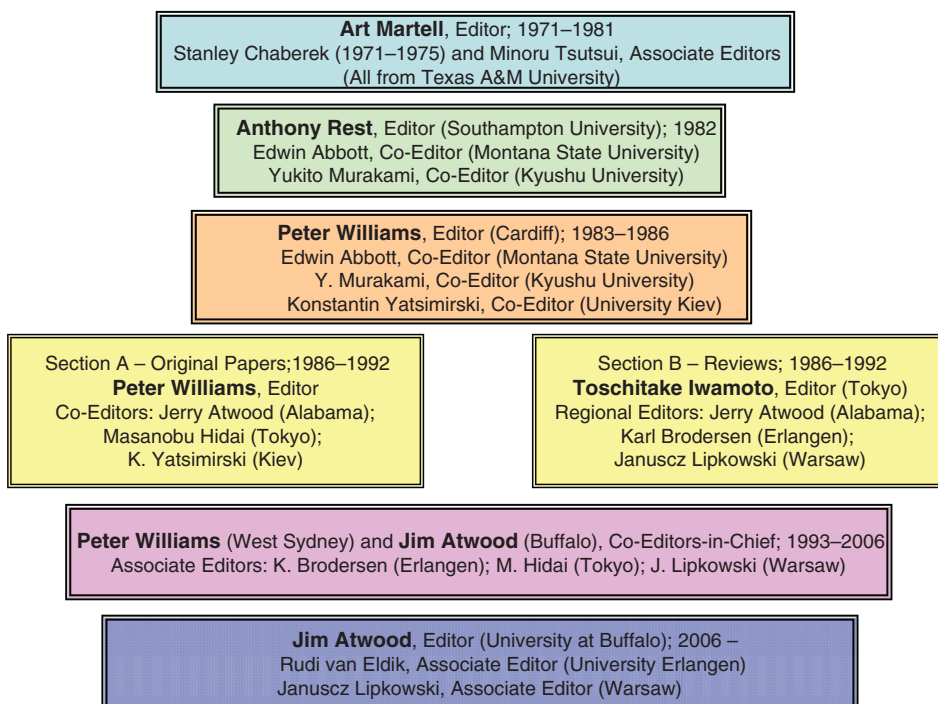
In 1993, the two Sections (A and B) were recombined and Peter Williams and Jim Atwood became Co-Editors-in-Chief of the single title with K. Brodersen, M. Hidai and J. Lipkowski as Associate Editors. This editorial staff remained unchanged until major changes in 2002 and 2006.

During early 2001, Taylor & Francis Publishers acquired Gordon and Breach, and from the start of 2002 laid the framework for exponential growth of the *Journal of Coordination Chemistry*. Adding the Journal to the initial Taylor & Francis journals utilizing Manuscript Central™ (now known as ScholarOne Manuscripts) as a web-based manuscript handling system in 2006 led to a “boom” in manuscript submissions that has allowed significant growth in pages published while also improving quality and increasing rejection rates.

In 2006, Peter Williams stepped down as Co-Editor-in-Chief after many years of great service to the Journal and Jim Atwood became sole Editor with Rudi van Eldik (University of Erlangen–Nurnberg, Germany) and Janusz Lipkowski as Associate Editors.

Table 1. Original Editorial Board (1971) for the *Journal of Coordination Chemistry*.

Ernst Bayer, <i>Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen</i>	Herbert D. Kaesz, <i>University of California</i>
M.T. Beck, <i>Kossuth Lajos University</i>	R.B. King, <i>University of Georgia</i>
R. Linn Belford, <i>University of Illinois</i>	Dale W. Margerum, <i>Purdue University</i>
Carl H. Brubaker Jr, <i>Michigan State University</i>	Devon W. Meek, <i>The Ohio State University</i>
Daryle H. Busch, <i>The Ohio State University</i>	L.O. Morgan, <i>University of Texas</i>
F.A. Cotton, <i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i>	Kazuo Nakamoto, <i>Marquette University</i>
Lawrence F. Dahl, <i>University of Wisconsin</i>	Milton Orchin, <i>University of Cincinnati</i>
Russell S. Drago, <i>University of Illinois</i>	Ralph G. Pearson, <i>Northwestern University</i>
John J. Eisch, <i>The Catholic University of America</i>	Marvin D. Rausch, <i>University of Massachusetts</i>
H.C. Freeman, <i>The University of Sydney</i>	Charles N. Reilley, <i>University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</i>
Shizuo Fujiwara, <i>The University of Tokyo</i>	A.M. Sargeson, <i>Australia National University</i>
M.L. Good, <i>Louisiana State University</i>	Walter Schneider, <i>Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule</i>
Harry B. Gray, <i>California Institute of Technology</i>	Thomas G. Spiro, <i>Princeton University</i>
M.L.H. Green, <i>University of Oxford</i>	Martin L. Tobe, <i>University College, London</i>
Jack Halpern, <i>University of Chicago</i>	R. Stuart Tobias, <i>Purdue University</i>
Richard F. Heck, <i>Hercules Research Center, Hercules, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware</i>	Ralph Zingaro, <i>Texas A&amp;M University</i>

Figure 1. Editorial changes for the *Journal of Coordination Chemistry*, 1971–2011.

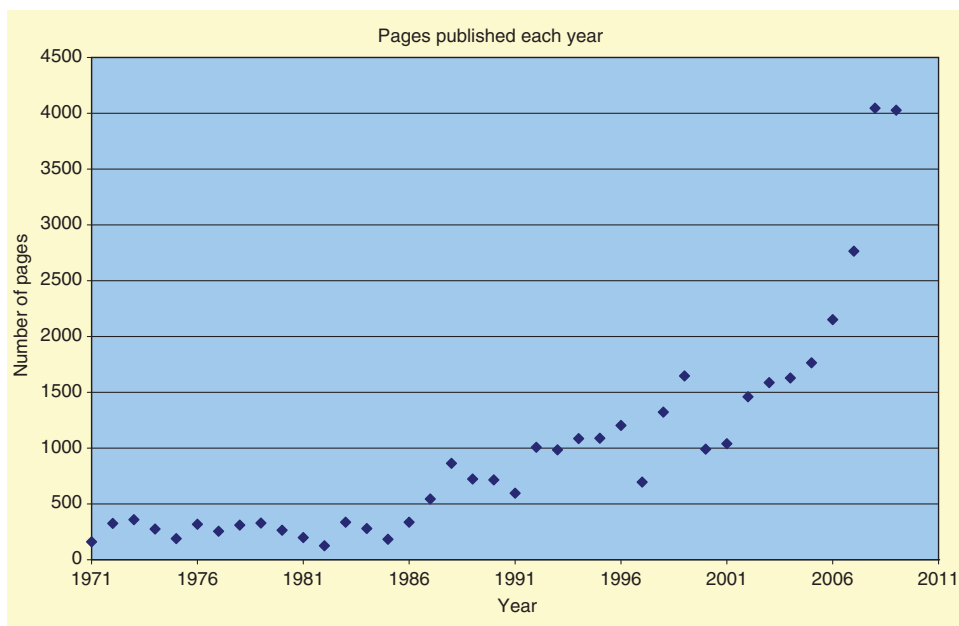


Figure 2. Pages published in the *Journal of Coordination Chemistry* per year, 1971–2009.

Table 2. Statistical data for the *Journal of Coordination Chemistry*, 2001–2009.

Year	Volume	Issues	Total pages	Manuscript received	Rejection (%)
2001	52–54	10	1039		
2002	55	12	1461		
2003	56	18	1587	145	24
2004	57	18	1629	210	23
2005	58	18	1764	228	35
2006	59	18	2151	440	32
2007	60	24	2764	654	39
2008	61	24	4046	739	44
2009	62	24	4028	647	46

Figure 2 shows the exponential growth in pages published in the *Journal of Coordination Chemistry*. This growth in pages published was accomplished while the rejection rate has steadily increased. Table 2 shows some data from 2001 to 2009. The Journal is truly international with manuscripts submitted from 41 countries in 2009. In 2010, new manuscript submissions are on pace for 800.

The field of coordination chemistry has evolved over the past 40 years with many new techniques for characterization and new applications of coordination complexes. The *Journal of Coordination Chemistry* has maintained the goal of publishing excellent original manuscripts on coordination complexes. The Journal has experienced rapid growth and is well positioned to continue to evolve as the Journal in which high quality coordination chemistry research is published.

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Editor