

Note by regional editor

Citations of papers in this Journal

Readers of this journal, and especially those who publish in it, will be interested in a recent article by J. Emsley in *Chemistry in Britain* (19 (1982) 29). This presents an analysis of the Science Citation Index ranking of science journals in the order of the total number of references attracted by their papers in 1980. In that ranking *J. Organomet. Chem.*, appears at 12th place among chemical journals, above journals such as *J. Chem. Soc. Perkin 1*, *J. Chem. Soc. Perkin 2*, *Chem. Ber.*, and *Tetrahedron*, but Dr. Emsley points out that the ranking is misleading because it takes account of all the papers which have ever appeared in a given journal, and for *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, for example, that means the references go back over one hundred years. Dr. Emsley suggests that to assess the current impact of each journal it is more appropriate to take account only of references made in 1980 to papers published in it for 1978 and 1979. On this basis *J. Organomet. Chem.* rises to 6th place among all chemical journals, a remarkably high place for a specialist publication.

This analysis provides gratifying evidence of the importance and influence of *J. Organomet. Chem.*

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