

## Publisher's note

We announce several changes to the editorial team and publishing policy of the *Journal of Organometallic Chemistry*.

The journal is now entering its 31st year of publication. In its lifetime the *Journal of Organometallic Chemistry* has published in excess of 10000 papers, covered three decades of scientific research and contributed to the expansion of the subject area into a fully recognized branch of chemistry. The journal has always evolved to meet the requirements of both author and reader and we now continue this process of evolution with the following changes.

At the end of 1993 Professor E.O. Fischer retired after 30 years of active editorship of the German language manuscripts. He has been replaced by Professor W.A. Herrmann who becomes Regional Editor for Central Europe (Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Hungary, and the Czech and Slovak Republics). Submissions from this area should be sent to Professor Herrmann.

Professor J.F. Normant has also decided that the time has come to relinquish his position as a Regional Editor. For the time-being no replacement will be appointed; manuscripts from France should be forwarded to Professor C. Eaborn.

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage authors to submit their papers in English. Various studies have shown that English language papers get more visibility and more citations than non-English publications. Also, English language papers are more suitable for inclusion in electronic databases. Whilst it remains our policy to accept high quality papers in German and French, we urge authors to consider the advantages of wider information dissemination afforded by publishing in English.

Finally, the *Journal of Organometallic Chemistry* can now accept submissions on disk. We ask authors to, whenever possible, provide the Regional Editor with a final version of their paper on disk together with a printout of the file and original artwork. It is important that the file on disk and the printout are identical. The major advantage of processing manuscripts electronically is that there is no need to re-key text, thus avoiding introduced errors and ensuring fast delivery of accurate proofs. For further details, please consult the Instructions for Authors on the journal cover.

With your support, the *Journal of Organometallic Chemistry* can continue to serve the readers and authors in this field efficiently.

## Editorial

The *Journal of Organometallic Chemistry* has been a witness of the rapid developments in a major area of modern chemistry. Organometallic chemistry has in the meantime received a nimbus of interdisciplinarity like hardly any other field in physical sciences, with synthesis, structure, and reactivity still defining the central themes. Numerous practical applications are in focus nowadays: catalysis, organic synthesis, materials science, and biological effects. These are the major columns of future organometallic chemistry to bridge basic research with its technical applications.

The *Journal of Organometallic Chemistry* has demonstrated qualified presence in all this development and thus belongs to one of the most quoted chemical journals. To improve further the international attention for this esteemed journal in the field, I accepted to follow up my respected predecessor Professor E.O. Fischer as Regional Editor, knowing how heavy a burden I am going to shoulder. Considering that one has to serve on duties of and for the scientific community as much as one is capable of, I have started my responsibilities on January 1, 1994, in hope of receiving the continuing support of all the authors involved. I shall handle all manuscripts that originate from Central Europe, *e.g.* Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, and Hungary. A peer-review system will be applied to all contributions in order to manage the vast number of submitted papers and to ensure the highest possible quality of the journal.

Contrary to an earlier announcement, the *Journal of Organometallic Chemistry* will continue with the longstanding trilingual tradition, with English, German, and French representing three major languages to add to the scientific pluralism. Authors are certainly encouraged to submit their papers in English because they have to be aware of the prevailing trends in scientific literature. However, we do respect those authors who consider their native language (German or French) to be a major part of their scientific identity and culture, and consequently continue to publish their high quality contributions. In applying this policy, we show appreciation for the diversity of the European authorship in spite of the *Journal of Organometallic Chemistry* being a truly international scientific forum.

As the new Regional Editor, I depend on the support of the scientific community. However, I will do my very best to have you find our publications in good company on the forefront of modern research, high in quality, and well-balanced within the broad scope of organometallic chemistry.

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