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Editorial

Dear colleagues,

I hope you all had a productive summer and the start of the new academic year is not hitting you too hard. The current issue of *Liquid Crystals Today* as usual brings you a mixture of research articles, book reviews, conference reports and some other items of news, together with some reports from industry and about applications.

This edition's research article is a review by Verena Görtz about chiral resolution in bent-core nematics. As indicated in the last editorial, I have also included my 'editors interview' about the development of liquid crystal research after the collapse of the Soviet Union. Please do suggest further topics for interviews and people you think should be interviewed. No need to be shy, you may suggest yourself, and I will not tell anyone.

At the last meeting with our publisher Taylor & Francis it emerged that *Liquid Crystals Today* is at its best performance in terms of website visits and article downloads since records began about five or six years ago. I am thus thankful to all the contributors who shared their research work, took the time to prepare

detailed review articles, gave their critical opinion about newly published books, summarised the highlights of conferences, or contributed otherwise. Data suggests that the decision to appoint Isa Nishiyama as associate editor was helpful in better integrating the Asian part of our society. I am really glad to see the journal flourish, because I believe that a vibrant research community needs a responsive society journal. So please, continue to send me your contributions and suggestions, and try not to hide when I am looking for competent conference reporters or book reviewers. The recent success of *Liquid Crystals Today* through the interest of its readers and the members of the International Liquid Crystal Society has led me to the decision to slightly increase the frequency of published issues to three or four per year from next year onward. I believe this will give me the opportunity to present you with somewhat more timely information, possibly at the cost of a slightly slimmer issue.

With the best of wishes for a new academic year.

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