

Editorial

The journal "Monatshefte für Chemie" has, with this newly-published fascicle 1 of vol. 121, reached its 111th year of publication*. It was from its very beginnings in 1880 conceived as an Austrian journal of chemistry and includes still to the present day all branches of chemistry. This original concept has proved to be sound in spite of the drawbacks involved*.

However, long before such attempts were made in the political arena, the natural sciences and in particular chemistry had already begun to break down national boundaries. The work of a steadily growing number of foreign colleagues is now being published in the "Monatshefte" particularly in English and at the present time approx. 70% of the articles are being published in that language. The fact that in 1982 the journal was given the sub-title "Chemical Monthly" was a formal recognition of the growing international character of the journal.

The publishers and editors have together planned to take a further important step in this direction in that coming into force as from vol. 121 (1990), the position of regional editor has been established and prominent colleagues from Federal Republic of Germany, German Democratic Republic, Japan and USA have been appointed to cover the appropriate areas.

They are as follows:

Prof. H. Brunner (Inorganic and Organometallic Chemistry, Regensburg, Federal Republic of Germany),

Prof. E. Vogel (Organic Chemistry, Cologne, Federal Republic of Germany),

Prof. H.-H. Emons (Physical Chemistry, Freiberg, German Democratic Republic),

Prof. R. Noyori (Organic and Stereochemistry, Nagoya, Japan),

Prof. O. Vogl (Polymer Science, Brooklyn, New York, USA).

At the same time, Profs. H. Falk (Organic Chemistry, Linz) and P. Schuster (Theoretical Chemistry, Vienna) have been appointed to the Board of Editors.

The editors and publisher would like to take this opportunity to thank most sincerely those colleagues who are retiring from the Editorial and Advisory Board, in particular Prof. U. Schmidt (Stuttgart, Federal Republic of Germany) for the many years of successful work for our journal.

I would also like to both welcome and thank the new members of the Regional and extended Editorial Board mentioned above. We hope that with their assistance, the "Monatshefte" will continue to flourish as a journal for a wide circle of international colleagues.

May I finish by mentioning that hand in hand with aiming at a broader horizon goes the request for English to be the language of publications so that as wide a public as possible may be reached.

Karl Schlögl, Managing Editor

* Cf. Schlögl K. (1980) *Monatsh. Chem.* **111**: 1