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Editorial

Software for Process Research, Development, and Scale-up

The special issues of *Organic Process Research & Development* have proved popular with readers and are amongst the most highly cited papers, apart from the Highlights and Patents sections. The Editorial Advisory Board are always searching for new ideas for special issues, and for late 2004 or early 2005, we have been discussing the idea of a special issue on software designed for application by chemists and chemical engineers in chemical development and scale-up of processes.

I am aware of a number of new products on the market which are currently being applied in synthesis design, optimisation and design of experiments, and kinetic modelling and simulation of scale-up. We need your help to identify products that you are using which could form a part of this special issue.

For the papers themselves, the reviewers and editors will need to ensure that the commercial interests of the software producers—i.e. an article that looks more like an advertorial—are not advanced. The best advert for a company is often a high-quality scientific article with no overt sales pitch. The application of the software by a chemist in a chemical development environment could form the basis of articles for the issue.

It may also be possible to have software reviewed in a similar way to book reviews, and so we welcome emails from software producers for this section.

The special topic for the last issue of 2003 is Crystallization and Polymorphism, and there will also be a special safety feature. For the May/June issue of 2004 the topic is New Technologies in Process Research. Authors wishing to contribute to these issues should contact the editors as soon as possible.

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