

## *Editorial*

### **Referees/Reviewers: Where Are You Now?**

*Organic Process Research & Development* (OPRD) could not maintain its high standards without the work of the unsung heroes, our referees. Each paper published in the journal has been scrutinised and vetted by two or three expert reviewers who have taken the time to diligently examine the strengths and weaknesses of the paper as well as to compare it to published literature in terms of novelty. Most of the time, the authors of the paper acknowledge that the work of the reviewer significantly enhances the quality of the resultant paper and that the additions requested by the reviewer impact on its readability.

We are continually looking for new referees/reviewers, but also we would like to maintain contact with those who have refereed for OPRD before but have for various reasons changed location. There are many good referees for whom we no longer have contact details; they may not have even have moved their offices, but a possible company takeover or merger means the e-mail address and affiliation address may have changed.

So here is a request to those who have changed location/company/contact details recently (in the last 18 months) and who have not heard from OPRD for a while: Please let us know your new contact details so that we can keep you involved in the journal. If you have retired, we would still like to hear from you, and if you are intending to review for OPRD, you will

most likely need access to the literature at a university or your former company.

For those chemists and engineers reading this editorial who are not currently on the reviewers list, please volunteer to referee one or two papers a year in your own specialisation, be it organic process chemistry, crystallisation and polymorphism, biocatalysis, green chemistry, analytical chemistry, continuous processing, scale up, safety, QbD, PAT, etc., or any other topic of interest to our readership. We will ask you to complete a list of keywords that define your expertise, and this allows us to choose the most appropriate papers for review.

Please contact Sue Parsons at oprd@scientificupdate.co.uk with your contact details.

Finally, a special thanks to all those who have refereed papers in the last year. I may not have always agreed with every comment, but I value each and every review sent to me. Thanks for all the time you have devoted to the journal. It is great to have you on board.

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