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The Editor's Page

With this issue, *Organometallics* presents a new face. The trend in today's chemical journals is to entice the reader to the material between the covers with a more interesting and visually pleasing cover. I hope that our readers and authors will like how our efforts in this direction have turned out.

It is our intention to feature on our cover molecules or reactions that have played an important role in the development of organometallic chemistry, changing to a new molecule every three or four months. For each new cover, a short historical essay will be provided that deals with the cover molecule or reaction, its discovery and development, its significance, and the chemists who were associated with it.

Our first cover molecule most fittingly is the first organometallic species, the anion of Zeise's salt, $K[(C_2H_4)PtCl_3] \cdot H_2O$, which was first reported in 1830. There are many other molecules that have been of importance in the development of organometallic chemistry, certainly more than enough to provide interesting subjects for our covers for years to come.

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