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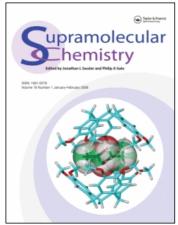
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Editorial

We would like to introduce the first issue of this year by thanking all of our authors. Many of you have responded to personal requests from the editors and sent in what are truly fine contributions. There is no doubt that these submissions, as well as a number that have not been solicited, have gone a long way to marking this journal as a "must read" for those working in the areas of supramolecular, macrocyclic, and molecular recognition chemistry. Needless to say, we would like ask all of you to keep up the good work, since ultimately this journal, like any other, is only as good as the papers it publishes.

We'd like to thank Richard Keene for putting together an issue on Supramolecular Chemistry in Australia and New Zealand that just recently appeared. We also want to thank Alex Wei and Len MacGillvray for guest editing a special issue earlier this year (nos. 1 and 2) that highlighted work presented at the International Symposium on Supramolecular Chemistry (ISSC) meeting held at Notre Dame University in the summer of 2004 under the fantastic organizational guidance of Brad Smith. This particular meeting was sponsored in part by Taylor and Francis (T&F), the publishers of Supramolecular Chemistry, and it is the editors' understanding that the combined success of this meeting and the resulting special issue has T&F favorably inclined to sponsor future meetings that are directly related to the mission of this journal. Indeed, T&F recently sponsored Calix-2005, a calixarene-focused meeting held in Prague in July 2005, and a special thematic issue on this subject will appear as the second issue of 2006. Further, sponsorship has already been arranged for the first-ever combined ISSC-ISMC (International Symposium on Macrocyclic Chemistry) meeting to be held in Victoria, British Columbia this summer (Tom Fyles organizer). More modest sponsorships for several local meetings have also been approved by T&F. We thus look forward to a future defined by even tighter links between the editors and publishers of Supramolecular Chemistry and the community it serves.

Another group of individuals whom we would like to thank is our referees. We all know that reviewing papers is a thankless task. Yet, the quality

of peer-reviewed journals is dependent on those who are willing to shoulder this burden. Without you, it would be difficult to distinguish reliably and fairly between those papers we should publish and those we must reject. Often, of course, the situation is less clear. In such instances, comments provided by the reviewers have often allowed authors to revise their submissions in such a way that an acceptable paper emerges. While the authors obviously can't thank the reviewers for this service (at least not in a personal way), we as editors have noted your beyond-the-call of duty assistance and believe us, it is much appreciated.

In addition to expressing our thanks to T&F for their conference sponsorships, we want to thank the professional staff at Taylor and Francis, especially Colin Bulpitt, Jim Orr, and Nicole Newton. We also want to thank Ms. Kateri Aragon in the Austin Office. Thanks to the behind the scenes efforts of these individuals the production aspects of the journal continue to move smoothly. Again, we are most grateful.

Moving forward, we anticipate further great things for Supramolecular Chemistry. In addition to a number of special issues, including those noted above and one on supramolecular biochemistry guest edited by Ehud Gazit, we are actively seeking in-depth reviews from leading members of the community. As a general rule, we plan to highlight these reviews and other showcase papers on the journal cover and, as readers of this issue can appreciate, we have now revised the format of the cover to make it more modern and, we hope, attractive. We thus urge all of you to submit your best work and to provide suggestions for covers. This year (2006) will also see the introduction of a web-based submission process for papers that we hope will speed publication times. Accordingly, we look forward to a great year where Supramolecular Chemistry continues to publish the best work in specialized chemical art, both literally and figuratively.

Thank-you and best wishes for the New Year.

Jonathan L. Sessler and Philip A. Gale, Co-Editors