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Editorial Board

Dear CHIMIA reader,

After more than eleven years as Chairman of the CHIMIA Editorial Board, I will step down in March 2006. It was an honour and a pleasure for me to work with my colleagues on the Editorial Board during this time.

CHIMIA has experienced a lot of changes during this period, not only from the editorial point of view but also at the technical and financial level. Professionalisation of the technical editing functions (Dr. Gillian Harvey), optimisation of production costs, a new advertisement management, and a totally revised budgeting and controlling process were some of the pillars on which we established CHIMIA as a successful international scientific journal and the official membership organ of the Swiss Chemical Society (SCS). A well-visited Web-page (www.chimia.ch) and the implementation of the E-version in collaboration with Ingenta are the latest milestones in bringing CHIMIA into a strong position for the future.

Last December we consolidated the structure of the future Editorial Board as follows: Camille Ganter (ETH Zurich) will be the new Chairman. Philippe Renaud (University of Bern), CHIMIA representative on the SCS executive committee, will be the Editor in Chief, Roland Kunz (University of Zurich) the Assistant Editor.

With Antonio Togni (ETH Zurich) and Jérôme Lacour (University of Geneva) we were able to recruit two new talented persons for the Editorial Board. Together with the other Editorial Board members, Eduard Gamp (Zurich University of Applied Sciences Winterthur), Peter Maienfisch (Syngenta Crop Protection AG), Peter Rüedi (University of Zurich), and Markus Schlageter (F. Hoffmann-La Roche AG), they all will ensure continuing quality and a broad representation of industry and academia. I wish you all and my CHIMIA colleagues a very happy and successful year 2006.

Gerardo M Ramos Tombo

Homepage

At the end of December 2005, the new Homepage of CHIMIA (www.chimia.ch) was launched. The design is closely related to that of the Swiss Chemical Society (SCS) (www.swiss-chemistry.ch). General information about CHIMIA such as composition of the Editorial and Advisory Boards, instructions to authors, subscription and advertising details are given. The table of contents, the editorial and all communications from the Swiss Chemical Society and its Divisions as well as the CHIMIA-Reports are available free of charge on the homepage. A new service for on-line announcement of chemistry lectures and events taking place in Switzerland will also be available soon on this homepage. This service will complement the traditional announcement of lectures in the print version of CHIMIA.

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The Editorial Board of CHIMIA is very pleased to announce that the SCS has decided that all members should have free access to this on-line version as part of their membership. To register for electronic access as a personal member, please follow these steps:

- 1) Register free at https://www.ingentaconnect.com/register/personal (to open your personal account with Ingenta)
- 2) Following the registration procedure, select 'Personal subscriptions' on the right of the panel under 'Manage My Ingenta'
- 3) Select CHIMIA and enter your membership reference number. You will find this number (Ref.Nr.) on your membership card (e.g. '20.013456 N').
- 4) You will be notified by E-mail once your online access has been activated.

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