

Chimia News

Editorial Board

Dear CHIMIA readers,

Together with my colleagues of the Editorial Board I wish you all the best and much success and happiness in 2011.

After 16 years of service, Philippe Renaud (University of Bern) left the Editorial Board at the end of 2010. He has been a board member since 1995 and, as Editor-in-Chief, responsible for the scientific contents of CHIMIA since 2006. Under his reign in the past five years CHIMIA has seen a dramatic improvement in its impact factor. I would like to thank him – personally, and on behalf of my colleagues on the board – for all his efforts involved in the successful realization of the scientific program and the implementation of new ideas.

The long notice allowed a smooth transition to Jérôme Lacour (University of Geneva) who has gradually taken over the duties. As the new Editor-in-Chief he has already planned and organized the editorial program 2011. I wish him all the best, plenty of stamina and every possible success in carrying out his new responsibilities.

Thomas Ward (University of Basel) entered the Editorial Board last fall. He is taking over Jérôme Lacour's former duties, *i.e.* organization of our column *Swiss Science Concentrates*. With him and Karl-Heinz Ernst (Empa Dübendorf), who joined us earlier in 2010, we were able to recruit two new talented persons. They will, together with the old members, ensure continuing quality and a broad representation of chemical disciplines.

The planned content in 2011 again is composed of topical issues and contributions from the Swiss Chemical Society and its Divisions. This year's issues will again be organized and supervised by recognized specialists. It is with great pleasure that I thank them and the organizers of the past issues for all their voluntary work. It is this dedication and expertise that made the increase of CHIMIA's impact factor to 1.577 possible. We hope that you will enjoy the CHIMIA issues of 2011.

Roland W. Kunz, Chairman

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Columns

The Division of Industrial Chemistry undertakes a special effort on the occasion of the International Year of Chemistry 2011. DIC will publish a series of popular scientific articles. These articles will highlight how chemistry and the chemical industry contribute to the prosperity and welfare of the world at large.

In 2009 CHIMIA introduced the new column *Chemical Education at School* that unfortunately was not very successful. It was produced and distributed in collaboration and with the

help of SimplyScience, the youth initiative of the SGCI Chemie Pharma Schweiz (www.simplyscience.ch). SimplyScience and CHIMIA have agreed to discontinue this project.

Indexing

National Library of Medicine confirmed that CHIMIA has been accepted for indexing in *MEDLINE/PubMed*. This will improve its visibility in the life sciences community. CHIMIA is already indexed by *Chemical Abstracts Services*, *Science Citation Index*, and *Scopus*.

On-Line Availability

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Immediate release to OAP is available upon payment of the full production costs of the article.

Advertising

In January *Sigwerb GmbH* took over the advertisement management including job advertisements and *Chimia Report* (see impressum for address). In the medium term we hope to see a recovery from the drastic drop in sales figures of the last years from this new, enthusiastic crew, even though acquisition of advertisements became exceedingly difficult in the economically difficult times that lie behind us. We thank the Zürichsee Werbe AG for their engagement in the past 14 years.