

CHIMIA News

Dear CHIMIA readers,

The members of the Editorial Board would like to wish you a happy and successful 2024.

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CHIMIA is listed in the most important databases, including PubMed.

We are continuing with our policy of publishing review-type articles grouped in special topic issues, organised by Guest Editors. We also consider Notes on subjects that are of interest and relevance to the Swiss Chemistry community.

CHIMIA Website

CHIMIA continues to be available as a print journal, a novel experience for some of our younger authors! The <https://chimia.ch/> website, based on the OJS system, provides all CHIMIA offerings from submission to pdfs of published articles. On <https://chimia.ch/> you will find direct free access to all past content going back to 1990 and a link for online manuscript submission. Pdfs of the full issues are also available to SCS members. Simply create an account on scg.ch and download issues going back to 1990. Editorial Board member Martin Brändle continues to manage and refine the website and has recently uploaded Community News for all issues.

CHIMIA Content and Editorial Board

Prof. Catherine E. Housecroft is continuing in her role as Editor-in-Chief and was responsible for an excellent set of wide-ranging and highly relevant topical issues in 2023 with themes involving AI in chemical research, catalysis and biocatalysis, flow chemistry, tropical medicine, chemical education, soil chemistry, and green and sustainable chemistry. These, together with the regular issues featuring the SCS Junior and Major Laureates, made great reading.

The columns, prepared by the SCS Divisions and SCS Partners, are an important part of CHIMIA. The columns include Swiss Science Concentrates (edited by Jason Holland and his team), Analytical Highlights (Veronika Meyer), Polymer and Colloid Highlights (Christoph Weder), Universities of Applied Sciences (Ludovic Gremaud), Chemical Education (Catherine Housecroft), Medicinal Chemistry and Chemical Biology Highlights (Fides Benfatti), and Flow Chemistry Highlights (Agnieszka Ladosz and Christoph Allemann). The column section is completed by conference reports of SCS-supported meetings and regular reports of the activities of the SCNAT Section Chemistry and the SCS Foundation.

The Editorial Board met in Bern three times during 2023 and we thank all the EB members for their invaluable contributions over the past year. Gillian Harvey will retire from her role as

Technical Editor in January after 24 years but will continue as Chair of the Editorial Board for the time being. We have found a very good replacement with Gordon Honeyman, who has been learning on the job since November and will be the main contact person for all technical and editorial aspects from now on.

CHIMIA would be nothing without the guest editors, who organise and influence each special topic issue, and the authors who generously provide articles covering their special subjects, written at a level that is accessible to our general chemistry readership. We hope that you will enjoy reading the CHIMIA issues of 2024.

Special Topic Issues 2024 and the Guest Editors

Issue 1-2: Young Chemistry Professors and Ambizione Fellows in Switzerland (*Catherine Housecroft*)

Issue 3: Academic/Industrial Collaborations in Process Chemistry & Technology (*Lucie Lovelle*)

Issue 4: Laureates: Junior Prizes of the SCS Fall Meeting 2023 (*Hans Peter Lüthi and Eva Hevia*)

Issue 5: Operando Spectroscopy (*Davide Ferri*)

Issue 6: Sustainable Development Goals in Chemistry in Switzerland (*Jovana Milic*)

Issue 7-8: SCS Major Awards & Fall Meeting 2024 (*Christian Bochet and Catherine Housecroft*)

Issue 9: Scientific Integrity – Added Constraint or Best Practice? (*Ed Constable*)

Issue 10: ERC & SNSF-ERC Funded Research 2019–2023 (*Jason Holland*)

Issue 11: Atmospheric Chemistry (*Urs Baltensperger and Claudia Mohr*)

Issue 12: Materials Chemistry (*Maxim Kovalenko*)

Manuscript Submission

Scientific articles and columns must be submitted through CHIMIA's journal management system OJS, accessible via <https://chimia.ch/>. A Word template is available along with instructions on how to submit.

Instructions for submission are also given in the *Instructions to Authors 2024* on <https://chimia.ch/> where citation style files for Endnote, Mendeley, Zotero and Papers are also provided.

Online Availability

CHIMIA has an X (formerly Twitter) account @CHIMIA_ journal that we use as a content alert for topical issues and other items of news relevant to CHIMIA and the Swiss Chemical Society. The use of social media helps to increase the visibility of the articles and we encourage authors to make full use of it.

AI Guidelines when Preparing Manuscripts

The CHIMIA Editorial Board has drafted new guidelines for the use of artificial natural language processing tools such as ChatGPT when preparing manuscripts. These guidelines are given in the *Instructions to Authors* (following pages) and online (<https://chimia.ch/chimia/announcement/view/1>). Authors are wholly responsible for their manuscripts.

Gillian Harvey, Chair of the CHIMIA Editorial Board