

CHIMIA News

Dear CHIMIA readers,

The members of the Editorial Board wish you a happy and successful 2025.

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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 into 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://www.chimia.ch/> website, based on the OJS system, provides all CHIMIA offerings from submission to pdfs of published articles. On [chimia.ch](https://www.chimia.ch/) you will find direct free access to all past content going back to 1990 (and at the time of print 1947–1958) 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](https://www.scg.ch) and download any available issue. Editorial Board member Martin Brändle continues to manage and improve the website and is spearheading the digitization of the back catalogue. This project should be completed in 2025 and the individual scientific articles will be available on the website. Use of the search function will reveal some real gems from the past by very well-known Swiss chemists.

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 2024 with themes such as Ambizione Fellows and Young Professors, Academic/Industrial Collaborations, *Operando* Spectroscopy, Sustainable Development Goals in Switzerland, Scientific Integrity, ERC & SNSF-ERC Research Projects, Atmospheric Chemistry and Materials Chemistry. These, together with the regular issues featuring the SCS Junior and Major Laureates, presented an interesting overview of topics currently relevant to the Swiss (and international) chemistry community.

The columns, prepared by the SCS Divisions and SCS Partners, are an important part of CHIMIA. The columns include the Swiss Science Concentrates, edited by Jason Holland and his team, the Analytical Highlights, edited by Veronika Meyer, the Universities of Applied Sciences column, edited by Ludovic Gremaud, Chemical Education contributions, edited by Catherine E. Housecroft, the Medicinal Chemistry and Chemical Biology Highlights, edited by Kathrin Lang, and the Flow Chemistry Highlights edited by Agnieszka Ladosz and Christoph Allemann. In addition, last year we published a new column to highlight the new Division of Materials Chemistry (editors Simon Boehme and Jovanna V. Milic). 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 2024. We thank all the EB members for their invaluable contributions over the past year. Manuel Koller retired from his role as Managing Director after 14 years. We thank him for his hard work and excellent eye for chemical and grammatical detail. Replacements for both the roles of Editor-in-Chief and Chair of the Editorial Board are being sought for the near future. If you are interested, please contact the Editorial Board or the SCS Head Office. Fresh ideas and input are an important way to ensure the future of CHIMIA.

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 2025.

Special Topic Issues 2025 and the Guest Editors

- Issue 1-2 Analytical Innovators (Davide Bleiner and Hanspeter Andres)
- Issue 3 Innovation through Chemical Biology (Amandine Kolleth and Vlad Pascanu)
- Issue 4 Laureates: Junior Prizes of the SCS Fall Meeting 2024 (Hans Peter Lüthi and Ali Coskun)
- Issue 5 Biomufacturing (Roland Wohlgenuth, Hans-Peter Meyer, and Jan Lucht)
- Issue 6 Enabling R&D with Flow Chemistry and Microfluidics (Claudio Battilocchio and Jean-Philippe Krieger)
- Issue 7/8 SCS Major Awards & Fall Meeting 2025 (Christian Bochet)
- Issue 9 ILMAC 2025 / Green and Sustainable Chemistry (Fabrice Gallou and Ludovic Gremaud)
- Issue 10 AI in Teaching Chemistry (Jan Cvengros)
- Issue 11 Young Professors and Ambizione Fellows in Chemistry in Switzerland (Catherine Housecroft)
- Issue 12 Organometallic Chemistry in Switzerland (Eva Hevia and Martin Albrecht)

Manuscript Submission

Scientific articles must be submitted through CHIMIA's journal management system OJS, accessible via <https://www.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 2025 on <https://www.chimia.ch/> where citation style files for Endnote, Mendeley, Zotero and Papers are also provided.

Social Media

CHIMIA has a LinkedIn account CHIMIA_journal, an X (formerly Twitter) account @CHIMIA_journal and a BlueSky account @chimiajournal.bsky.social, 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 has drafted 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 (on the following pages) and online (<https://www.chimia.ch/chimia/announcement/view/1>). The authors are wholly responsible for their manuscripts.

Gillian Harvey, Chair of the Editorial Board