

CHIMIA News

Dear CHIMIA readers,

The members of the Editorial Board would like to wish you a happy and successful 2020.

Open Access

After more than 70 years of publishing activity in one or another form, CHIMIA enters into a new phase in 2020. From the beginning of 2020 CHIMIA has become a platinum Open Access journal. Recent moves toward Open Access and Open Science in Switzerland and Europe have encouraged the Swiss Chemical Society, as the publisher of CHIMIA, and the Editorial Board to reassess the future strategy of the publication. Many of our authors report on research that has been supported by the Swiss National Science Foundation or other public funding bodies and are increasingly being encouraged to publish in journals that are open access or that allow placement in public repositories. We support this development and are delighted to contribute to the widespread dissemination of scientific findings made possible by public funding.

Platinum Open Access means that the online scientific articles will be available (from *Ingentaconnect.com*) free of charge under license CC-BY-NC 4.0 and that the authors will not be required to pay any article or page fees. The authors also retain copyright of their work. We hope that this move will increase the visibility of CHIMIA and that authors will be even more motivated to contribute their excellent articles.

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

The journal will be printed as before and distributed to our subscribers, including all members of the Swiss Chemical Society.

CHIMIA Website

The CHIMIA.ch website has been redesigned to give easier access to the content. On the website, you will find direct free access to the columns, a link to *Ingentaconnect.com* for the open access scientific articles, 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 2016.

Content

The Editor-in-Chief, E. Peter Kündig assembled a fine and well balanced set of special topic issues in 2019 with themes including NCCR projects at the Chemistry/Materials and Chemistry/Medicine interfaces, the International Year of the Periodic Table, Dimensionality in Chemistry, Green and Sustainable Chemistry, Materials for Energy Conversion, Continuous Flow Chemistry, and Artificial Intelligence in Chemistry. These, together with the special issues of SCS Awardees made great reading. Inviting outstanding Guest Editors to organise an issue is an integral and challenging part of the function of Editor-in-Chief and Peter has been fortunate to succeed in this task.

The columns, prepared by the SCS Divisions and SCS Partners, are an important part of CHIMIA. Besides the well-established and very successful Swiss Science Concentrates, now edited by Olivier Baudoin, the Analytical Highlights, the Polymer and Colloid Highlights and contributions from the Universities of Applied Sciences, they now include regular Chemical Education columns, organised by Catherine Housecroft, designed to inform teachers on a range of chemistry-related topics, and the Medicinal

Chemistry and Chemical Biology Highlights, organised by Cornelia Zumbunn and the DMCCB, covering current areas of research and industrial interest.

The planned content for 2020 consists of topical issues and contributions from the Swiss Chemical Society and its Divisions. The issues will again be organised by recognised specialists. We would like to thank all the Guest Editors, past and present, without whom we could not produce the topical issues and, of course, 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 2020.

Special Topic Issues 2020

- Issue 1/2 SCS-Syngenta Symposium: Welcome to the One-electron World – Mathilde Lachia, Amandine Kolleth Krieger (Syngenta)
- Issue 3 Chemistry and the Environment – Kathrin Fenner (EAWAG), Vera Slaveykova (University of Geneva), Stefan Höger (Innovative Environmental Services Ltd)
- Issue 4 Laureates: Junior Prizes of the SCS Fall Meeting 2019 – Hans Peter Lüthi (ETH Zurich)
- Issue 5 Building Bridges between Biotechnology and Chemistry – In Memoriam Oreste Ghisalba – Hans-Peter Meyer (Lonza), Roland Wollgemut (Swiss Coordination Committee for Biotechnology)
- Issue 6 Non-noble Metals in Catalysis – Martin Albrecht (University of Bern)
- Issue 7/8 SCS Major Awards & Fall Meeting 2020 – E. Peter Kündig (University of Geneva), Alain DeMesmaeker (Syngenta)
- Issue 9 News from New Professors in Switzerland – E. Peter Kündig (University of Geneva)
- Issue 10 Swiss Start-ups – Guido Koch (Topadur Pharma AG)
- Issue 11 Novel Tools in Catalysis – Cristina Nevado (University of Zurich)
- Issue 12 Radiochemistry – Roger Alberto (University of Zurich), Heinz Gäggeler (PSI)

Manuscript Submission

Submissions of scientific articles are now done exclusively on CHIMIA's journal management system OJS (<https://ojs.chimia.ch/>), which is generally performing well for both guest editors and authors. A Word template is available on OJS along with instructions on how to submit

Instructions for submission are also given in the Instructions to Authors 2020 on the following pages and at *chimia.ch* → Instructions to Authors, where citation style files for Endnote, Mendeley, Zotero and Papers are also provided.

Online Availability

SCS members may access full issues as PDF documents from *scg.ch* → CHIMIA → Full pdf-Downloads.

CHIMIA single articles from 1990 to the current issue are open access and available online at <http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/scs/chimia>. The only exceptions are the articles from 2019 that become open access one year after publishing according to the previous CHIMIA policy. SCS members have free access to these online articles as part of their membership. To register for electronic access as a personal member or subscriber please follow the steps described in *scg.ch* → CHIMIA → Services. This also applies to our former institutional subscribers, who have

access to these articles as before. By the end of 2020 this will no longer be necessary and all CHIMIA articles on *Ingentaconnect.com* will be open access.

Advisory Board

The Advisory Board is currently being revamped by Sarah Sulzer-Mosse and in 2020 will take up its new role in advising both the Swiss Chemical Society and CHIMIA on strategy and future planning.

Redesign of Front Cover

After the successful change to a two-column layout in 2019, CHIMIA is presenting a new face in 2020 with a redesigned front cover. A competition to find a new background design was won

by Pavol Ondrisek, University of Geneva, and laid the basis for a redesign of the CHIMIA title and the overall appearance while still retaining brand recognition.

Social Media

CHIMIA has a 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. Take a look!

Gillian Harvey, Chair of the CHIMIA Editorial Board