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## EDITORIAL

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### CHIMIA: Changes and Continuity

Dear CHIMIA reader,

Chemists are used to receiving their copy of CHIMIA, The International Journal for Chemistry, ten times a year.

Since 1990, *i.e.* for the past 16 years, CHIMIA was closely associated with its Editor-in-Chief, Camille Ganter, who took care of the organization of the whole journal from its scientific content to production and design. In order to keep its Swiss specificity and its independence from the large publishers, Camille Ganter and the Editorial Board of CHIMIA developed a strategy of publication based on 'Thematic Issues' as well

as 'Special Issues' related to conferences and other scientific events taking place in Switzerland.

At the beginning of 2006, Camille Ganter retired from his position of Editor-in-Chief to take over the position of the Chairman of the Editorial Board. It was, of course, impossible to find a successor who would have been ready to accept all his duties and responsibilities. Therefore, an editorial team consisting of the two of us as Editor-in-Chief and Assistant Editor was formed. With the active support of the Editorial Board, the Advisory Board and the Technical Editor of CHIMIA, our team will ensure the future success of CHIMIA.

No drastic changes in the editorial content of CHIMIA are foreseen but a constant evolution will take place. The well-established and highly appreciated 'Thematic Issues' and 'Special Issues' will continue to be a main activity.

In addition, 'Review Issues' highlighting different aspects of contemporary chemistry (so called 'Hot Topics') will be organized two to three times a year. As a tradition, special care will be given to keep a very short publication delay for these review articles.

The present issue is the first 'Review Issue' dedicated to 'Hot Topics'. You will find a review on 'The Copper-Catalyzed Asymmetric Allylic Substitution' by A. Alexakis *et al.* and a second review on 'Tricyclic Marine Alkaloids: Synthetic Approaches to Cylindricines, Lepadiformine and Fascicularin' by P. Schär *et al.* These two review articles are dealing with very recent developments in organic synthesis.

A new column called 'Swiss Science Concentrates', supervised by Jérôme Lacour (concentrates@chimia.ch) will also be introduced, starting in issue 9/2006. Short abstracts (600–1000 characters with one Figure) of important, very recent publications originating from research taking place in Switzerland will be presented.

Finally, do not forget that CHIMIA belongs to its readers. Therefore, we welcome very much your thoughts about the future of this journal.

Thanks for reading

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