

CHIMIA News

Dear CHIMIA readers,

The members of the Editorial Board would like to wish you a happy and successful 2022.

Open Access

In 2020, CHIMIA became a platinum Open Access journal. By doing so the Swiss Chemical Society, as the publisher of CHIMIA, and the CHIMIA Editorial Board stated their support to the growing movement across Europe towards Open Access and Open Science. 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 are available immediately, free of charge, under license CC_BY 4.0 and that the authors are not required to pay article or page fees. The authors also retain copyright of their work. CHIMIA is indexed by the Directory of Open Access Journals (*DOAJ.org*) and other websites 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

In a further move to establish CHIMIA as a modern, accessible journal both in print and online, the <https://www.chimia.ch/> website has been redesigned to provide all CHIMIA offerings from submission to pdfs of published articles, based on the OJS system. The previous partnership with IngentaConnect.com as content host has been discontinued and on <https://www.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 2016. The huge task of programming and migration of over 30 years of digital content was undertaken by Editorial Board member Martin Brändle, to whom we are very grateful.

75th Anniversary of CHIMIA

In 2021, volume 75 of CHIMIA was published. To celebrate this milestone, a special column was created entitled 'A Perspective on Chemistry and Society'. Throughout the year, we published short opinion pieces by invited authors on wide-ranging topics including science, industry, the environment, education, society, and politics. We asked the authors to look forward rather than back and address current and future prospects for chemistry and society. We were very pleased to publish 22 thought-provoking articles and we would like to thank all the authors who generously and enthusiastically contributed their insights and took the time to write these articles. The articles have been collected into a special, open access, virtual issue, which is available on <https://www.chimia.ch/>.

CHIMIA Content and Editorial Board

In 2021, Prof. Catherine E. Housecroft commenced her first full year as Editor-in-Chief by producing an excellent set of topical issues with themes including chemical education, H₂ production and CO₂ conversion, colloidal nanocrystals, peptide chemistry, green and sustainable chemistry, photochemistry, industrial–academic partnerships, and chemical biology. 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. These include the well-established and very successful Swiss Science Concentrates, edited by Francesca Paradisi and her team, the Analytical Highlights, edited for many years by Veronika Meyer, the Polymer and Colloid Highlights, edited by Christoph Weder, the Universities of Applied Sciences column, edited by Ludovic Gremaud, Chemical Education contributions, edited by Catherine Housecroft, and the Medicinal Chemistry and Chemical Biology Highlights, edited by Fides Benfatti. A new column, Flow Chemistry Highlights edited by Agnieszka Ladosz and Benjamin Martin, introduces the reader to significant publications in the exciting field of flow chemistry.

2021 saw several new members joining the Editorial Board and immediately contributing their insights to the running and development of CHIMIA, even though, once again, we were restricted to online meetings. Sarah Sulzer-Mosse left the EB after several years of hard work reorganising the Advisory Board, a task that is still ongoing. We would like to thank her for her time and efforts in this area.

CHIMIA would be nothing without the guest editors, who organise 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 2022.

Special Topic Issues 2021

- Issue 1/2: Mass Spectrometry at Swiss Academic and Industrial Institutions – Renato Zenobi (ETH Zurich), Urs Schaltegger (University of Bern)
- Issue 3: Empa – Material Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future – Antonia Neels, Arndt Remhof (Empa)
- Issue 4: Laureates: Junior Prizes of the SCS Fall Meeting 2021 – Hans Peter Lüthi (SCS Foundation), Eva Hevia (University of Bern)
- Issue 5: Medicinal Chemistry – Karl-Heinz Altmann (ETH Zurich)
- Issue 6: Ultrafast Spectroscopy of Molecules – Hans Jakob Wörner (ETH Zurich)
- Issue 7/8: SCS Major Awards & Fall Meeting 2022 – Christian Bochet (University of Fribourg), Catherine Housecroft (University of Basel)
- Issue 9: Ambizione Young Professors in Switzerland – Catherine Housecroft (University of Basel)
- Issue 10: Division of Polymers, Colloids and Interfaces – Harm Anton Klok (EPF Lausanne)
- Issue 11: Chemical Ecology – Matthias Erb (University of Bern)

Issue 12: NCCR Transcure – Jean-Louis Reymond (University of Bern)

Manuscript Submission

Scientific articles and columns 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 2022 on <https://www.chimia.ch/> and on the following pages in this issue. Citation style files for Endnote, Mendeley, Zotero and Papers are also provided.

Online Availability

All CHIMIA scientific articles from 1990 to the current issue are open access and available online at <https://www.chimia.ch/>. SCS members may access full issues as PDF documents from [scg.ch](https://www.chimia.ch/) → CHIMIA → Full pdf-Downloads.

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, Chairperson