

CHIMIA News

Dear CHIMIA readers,

The members of the Editorial Board would like to wish you a happy and successful 2021. Thanks to the great efforts of the CHIMIA Editorial Board, SCS Head Office, the guest editors and authors, and the FO-Druck production staff, ten issues of CHIMIA were published as planned and on schedule in 2020.

Open Access

After nearly 75 years of publishing activity, CHIMIA entered into a new phase in 2020 to 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 are available immediately (from *Ingentaconnect.com*) free of charge under license CC_BY 4.0 and that the authors are not required to pay any article or page fees. The authors also retain copyright of their work. CHIMIA is now indexed by the Directory of Open Access Journals (*DOAJ.org*) and other websites and we hope that the move to open access 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 also consider Notes on subjects that are of interest and relevance to Swiss Chemistry.

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. During 2021, all CHIMIA offerings from submission to pdfs will be transferred to a single website, based on the OJS system.

CHIMIA Content and Editorial Board

Prof. E. Peter Kündig completed his three-year term of office as Editor-in-Chief by once again producing an excellent set of special topic issues in 2020 with themes including the SCS/Syngenta Symposium, chemistry and the environment, a commemorative issue on Oreste Ghisalba and his influence on Swiss biotechnology, non-noble metals in catalysis, new professors, Swiss startups, innovative tools in catalysis, and radiochemistry. These, together with the special issues featuring the SCS Junior and Major Laureates, made great reading. The Editorial Board of CHIMIA is very grateful to Peter Kündig for providing three years of wide-ranging and topical issues.

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, the Analytical Highlights, edited for many years by Veronika Meyer,

the Polymer and Colloid Highlights, edited by Christoph Weder, who has taken over from Markus Niederberger, the Universities of Applied Sciences column, Chemical Education contributions, organised by Catherine Housecroft, designed to inform teachers, primarily at secondary level, on a range of chemistry-related topics, and the Medicinal Chemistry and Chemical Biology Highlights, edited by Fides Benfatti taking over from Cornelia Zumbrunn, covering current areas of research and industrial interest.

There are changes to the Editorial Board in 2021 as Catherine Housecroft takes over as Editor-in-Chief from E. Peter Kündig, Francesca Paradisi takes on the Swiss Science Concentrates from Olivier Baudoin, our treasurer of many years Markus Schlageter is replaced by Dieter Muri, and Ludovic Gremaud will become the representative of the Universities of Applied Sciences after Roger Marti has performed this task since 2008. We are very grateful for the time and valuable input given to CHIMIA by the past EB members. Renewal is always good for any organisation and we welcome the new EB members and look forward to new ideas and impulses.

CHIMIA was published for the first time in 1947, which means that volume 75 will be presented in 2021. To celebrate this achievement, we will be including an additional column of opinion pieces from a wide range of authors from the chemical sciences, education, industry and society. The intention is to present the authors with the opportunity to look forward and discuss the challenges and their visions of the future.

Prof. Catherine Housecroft, University of Basel, presents her first year of issues in 2021. The content of 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 2021.

Special Topic Issues 2021

- Issue 1/2: Future of Chemical Education – Catherine Housecroft (University of Basel), Jan Cvengros (ETH Zurich)
- Issue 3: H₂ Production and CO₂ Conversion: Insights and Progress – Greta Patzke (University of Zurich)
- Issue 4: Laureates: Junior Prizes of the SCS Fall Meeting 2020 – Hans Peter Lüthi (ETH Zurich), Silvio Decurtins (University of Bern)
- Issue 5: Colloidal Nanocrystals – Jonathan De Roo (University of Basel)
- Issue 6: Peptide Chemistry in Switzerland – Jean-Louis Reymond (University of Bern) and Thomas Vorherr (Novartis)
- Issue 7/8: SCS Major Awards & Fall Meeting 2021 – Catherine Housecroft (University of Basel), Alain DeMesaeker (Syngenta)
- Issue 9: Green and Sustainable Chemistry – Fabrice Gallou (Novartis)
- Issue 10: Photochemistry – Christian Bochet (University of Fribourg)
- Issue 11: Industry–Academic Partnerships – Christof Sparr (University of Basel)
- Issue 12: Chemical Biology – Howard Riezmann (University of Geneva)

Manuscript Submission

Scientific articles must be submitted through CHIMIA's journal management system OJS (<https://ojs.chimia.ch/>). 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 2021 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

All CHIMIA scientific articles from 1990 to the current issue are open access and available online at <http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/scs/chimia>.

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

Advisory Board

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

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