

# Editorial

Happy New Year from the *Journal of Flow Chemistry* and welcome to the first issue of 2015. The *Journal of Flow Chemistry* was founded in 2010 and launched in August of 2011 and thus this year enters its fifth year of publication. From 2012 onwards the regular publishing schedule with four issues per year was started and – including the current issue – 111 papers have been published. This may not appear to be a large number but as we all know the flow chemistry community is currently still rather small, but certainly rapidly growing. Indeed the number of submitted and published papers has been mounting steadily since the first issue was published in 2011, with last year's volume (no. 4) containing 216 narrowly printed pages. The current impact factor stands at a solid 2.406 and the Editors are trying their best to attract good manuscripts that will increase the visibility of the journal.

The year 2014 has seen the publication of a very successful special issue “Flow Chemistry Asia,” which contained 11 manuscripts from the top flow chemistry research groups in Asia. Many thanks to our Regional Editors Amol Kulkarni (India) and Jun-ichi Yoshida (Japan) for their efforts in putting this issue together. A special issue entitled “Flow Chemistry North America” will be published later this year. We are very grateful to Toma Glasnov who has been handling the very popular “Research Highlights” section of the Journal for the past four years. As of 2015, Amol Kulkarni and his team will be taking over the task of putting together the “Research Highlights”. Fortunately, modern technology now allows the dissemination of interesting new research virtually at the speed of light. As of December 2014 a Journal of Flow Chemistry blog run by Christopher Hone has started (<https://jflowchemistryblog.wordpress.com/>), and a recently introduced website called “Synthflow” (<https://synthflow.wordpress.com/>) provides extensive summaries on recent flow chemistry literature and a multitude of additional information related to flow chemistry (conferences, courses, instrument vendors). We hope that our readers will therefore use these sources for staying up-to-date on flow chemistry topics.

The primary objective of the *Journal of Flow Chemistry* is to stimulate the development and advancement of flow chemistry for the benefit and progress of the chemistry community. The Editors have been working hard to promote the journal by attending conferences and contacting prospective authors at these events. 2015 again will be a very busy year with a significant number of scientific meetings on flow chemistry being organized worldwide, some of them held in association with the *Flow Chemistry Society* (FCS, the owner of the *Journal of Flow Chemistry*). We look forward to seeing you in Mumbai, Berlin, San Diego and Budapest later this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Associate Editors (Timothy Noël, Paul Watts and Thomas Wirth) for their devotion to the journal, and all members of our Editorial and International Advisory Boards, the Regional Editors, authors, referees and readers for their support and contribution to the success of the *Journal of Flow Chemistry*.

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