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# SYNTHESIS

## Editorial



### Dear Authors and Readers,

After 36 years of publishing synthetic organic chemistry, **SYNTHESIS** will be available biweekly this year and our readership can enjoy four additional issues with the characteristic blue colour and oversized numbers 21 to 24 on the cover. The decision is based on an all-time peak of 3680 printed pages in 2005 and a constantly increasing number of submissions indicating the popularity of the journal. It should be mentioned that this expansion was achieved while keeping our high standards with an average rejection rate of 40%.

The manuscript submissions of last year from more than 40 countries from all five continents underline the truly international character of the journal, which reached an increased impact factor of 2.20. Thus, **SYNTHESIS** is one of the Top 10 full-paper journals in organic chemistry and we will continue to provide our readership with novel results covering all aspects of synthetic organic and organometallic chemistry.

Based on the introduction of eFirst, our advance online publication platform on Thieme-connect, nearly every **SYNTHESIS** article is now published online significantly in advance of print. Our user-friendly template for manuscript preparation is now used by most of our authors. As in previous years, we have again noticed an increased number of visits to the

online version of **SYNTHESIS** (plus 20%) jumping to nearly 95 000 hits in November 2005. Furthermore, there is also an increase of 16% in hits to the journals web sites. In fact, for the first time all Thieme Chemistry web sites together surpassed the 100 000 hits/month border in November 2005! Our free synthesis review database has been updated semi-annually (compiled by Professor Philip Kocienski and Dr. Krzysztof Jarowicki) and now contains bibliographic data of more than 19 500 review articles of interest to synthetic organic chemists.

Among the regular sections of our journal including Reviews and Feature Articles, the newest section "Practical Synthetic Procedures" (PSP) continues to be very popular. Since its introduction in 2002, we have already published more than 60 PSPs and are pleased to see a steady increase of self-submissions of manuscripts by our authors under this section. We are looking forward to receiving even more PSPs dealing with useful and reliable procedures for the benefit of both academic and industrial chemists.

Two of the highlights in the 2005 program of the journal have been the Special Issues dedicated to Professor Bernd Giese (65) and Professor Steven V. Ley (60) on the occasion of their birthdays. This year we will continue with a Special Issue dedicated to another outstanding organic chemist and former **SYNTHESIS** editor, Professor Dieter Hoppe, on the occasion of his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. Besides the Special Issue, several Special Topics collecting articles on novel exciting developments in synthetic organic chemistry will be published, all through the reliable hands of our editor Erick Carreira.

On behalf of all editors and the staff of the editorial office in Stuttgart, I would like to thank our authors and referees for their excellent contributions and help during the past year. Let us continue in keeping the high standards of **SYNTHESIS** as a leading international journal and in providing our broad readership with novel exciting results in synthetic organic chemistry. We are looking forward to continued successful collaborations.

With best wishes for a successful, peaceful and happy New Year.

Dieter Enders  
Editor in Chief  
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