

## Editorial

Main Group (*s*- and *p*-block) element research has been in evidence since the middle of the 19th century. However, in recent years there has been a renaissance in research in this area. To some extent this can be attributed to applications of these elements in electronics. However, there is a growing awareness that these elements play an integral role in the formation of polymers, catalysts, and as models for theoretical studies. The result of this widespread interest is the proliferation of publications related to Main Group chemistry. For various historical reasons, the formation of an exclusive, high-quality means of publishing Main Group related research has not been achieved. Whereas current Main Group research can, and has, been published in transition metal and organometallic-styled journals, the need for one journal to unite the field of Main Group Science is clearly evident. *Main Group Chemistry* will be this journal.

The current issue marks the launching of *Main Group Chemistry*. The Journal is dedicated to publishing all aspects of the Main Group elements. This includes traditional areas such as synthetic-organic, organometallic, and inorganic chemistry, as well as Main Group oriented research in the related fields of analytical, physical, and theoretical chemistry. However, we recognize the fact that many of the current developments that incorporate the Main Group elements cross traditional sub-discipline boundaries. This is especially true for applied and industrial chemistry. Thus, the publication of multidisciplinary research will be encouraged.

The creation of this journal has evolved over course of the past two years. In solidifying the concept of this journal I spoke with well over 50 researchers in all of the diverse areas of main group chemistry as well as related disciplines of chemistry. All of the people that I contacted were unanimous in their enthusiasm for this new enterprise. Many felt that the arrival of this type of journal was long overdue. This has given strength and impetus, and a strong justification, for the creation of *Main Group Chemistry*. The guidance of a distinguished international editorial board and strict refereeing procedures will ensure that the journal will maintain high scientific standards and international coverage.

With the current issue, the Co-Editors, Editorial Advisory Board and I are proud to introduce *Main Group Chemistry* to the scientific community. With this journal we hope to make a lasting contribution to the chemical literature and to provide you, the reader and researcher, with Main Group coverage that you will find interesting and worthwhile.

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