

Changing of the Guard

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The Editorial Board and CSIRO Publishing express their deepest gratitude to Professor Curt Wentrup, for his dedication to the role of Editor-in-Chief of the *Australian Journal of Chemistry*, and for his strong advocacy for the Journal over the last seven years.

Since his appointment in 2008, Curt has overseen the publication of 87 issues (12,427 pages) of the Journal, including 73 Research Fronts and Special issues. During this time, the Journal has almost doubled its published output (from 1011 pages in 2008 to 1928 pages in 2015). To accommodate this growth, and to reflect the changing scope and geographical interest in the Journal, we have continuously revised and grown the composition of our Editorial Board, which proudly boasts the names of excellent scientists from Australia, New Zealand, China, Japan, Singapore, US, Ireland, and Belgium.

Curt's awareness of the need to publish both in the national interest and internationally has seen a heartening 'return to the fold' for some Australian authors in recent times. Under Curt's stewardship, AJC has, pleasingly, fostered informal but strong ties with the RACI – and we now share booths at major conferences, have a regular column in *Chemistry in Australia*,

and – importantly – publish an annual Research Front highlighting the works of recent recipients of RACI research awards.

Following from this groundwork, priorities over the coming years will include finding ways to further encourage and engage Australian chemists to publish their best work in AJC, whilst also ensuring that we work towards attracting greater international awareness. With this in mind, I am very pleased to announce the appointment of two co-Editors-in-Chief, Professor George Koutsantonis and Professor John D. Wade, who will be sharing the leadership and vision to drive AJC forward in 2016 and beyond.

Aside from their exemplary reputation as scientists, John and George possess the strong leadership needed to steer the *Australian Journal of Chemistry* forward in future years, to ensure a high level of local and international attractiveness that will make AJC a preferred publication destination for Australian and international chemists.

Please join me in thanking Curt for his outstanding achievements during his time as Editor-in-Chief of the *Australian Journal of Chemistry*, and in welcoming John and George to the team! Happy New Year to all.



George Koutsantonis is a Professor at the School of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of Western Australia, where he works in the area of inorganic and organometallic chemistry. He has been an Associate Editor with AJC since 2012, and has had great success at commissioning papers for AJC, including several special issues. George was also responsible for the implementation of the Primer Reviews as a new manuscript category for AJC.



John D. Wade presently holds appointments as Professor of Chemistry at the University of Melbourne and Professor of Neuroscience at the Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health, where he leads the Neuropeptides Group in drug design and development. He is also Chief Editor of *Frontiers in Chemical Biology*, a journal which has grown substantially since his appointment to the role.