Dear SYNTHESIS readers,

Happy Birthday SYNTHESIS! Our journal is now 50 years old.

In the last 50 years, SYNTHESIS has published original synthetic work from organic chemists all over the world.

Since 1969, when our journal first appeared, the field of synthetic organic chemistry has changed considerably, and a leading organic chemist of 1969 would certainly have difficulty in following the chemistry described in synthetic schemes found in publications from 2019. There are, however, some things that remain invariant over time; for example, Dieter Seebach published his seminal review on umpolung in 1969 and he is also a contributor to this Golden Issue of 2019.

For this issue, we have invited some of the most prestigious organic chemists to contribute a publication of their recent work. More than 60 leading organic chemists from all over the world have accepted and their work will appear in two Golden Issues (Parts I and II). We are very proud to publish this important body of research and all contributions of the Golden Issues will be published Open Access in electronic form to allow maximum access to the scientific community. This issue expresses our trust in the importance of synthetic organic chemistry in the future of the larger field of organic chemistry.

Two new editors have joined our team: Prof. Hideki Yorimitsu, Kyoto University, who replaces Tohru Fukuyama, and Prof. Franziska Schoenebeck from RWTH Aachen University, who will take over the responsibilities from Erick Carreira regarding the organization of Special Topics and occasional Special Issues.

Both Erick and Tohru joined the SYNTHESIS board in 1998. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them very much for their great commitment over the last 20 years.

Finally, we would like to thank all the authors from SYNTHESIS for the trust they place in our editorial team for handling their manuscripts and publishing their work.

We hope that you will all enjoy reading this special birthday issue, and we wish you a Happy and Successful New Year!

Paul Knochel, Editor-in-Chief
LMU Munich
December 2018


Für die nächsten Dekaden wünsche ich der Synthesis weiterhin viel Erfolg, das heißt einen hohen Impaktfaktor, und den Autoren und Herausgebern Freude an der Verbreitung neuer Synthesemethoden und künftiger Syntheseziele.

D. Seebach

Ancient Chinese philosopher Confucius said: "At fifty, I knew the will of Heaven". The past half century has witnessed that synthesis is acting a greater role for the betterment of mankind. On the occasion of this wonderful moment, I would like to say happy birthday and synthesize our brilliant future.

Aiwen Lei

Wuhan University
Congratulations on
Synthesis 50th Anniversary

祝50周年
Makaoi Miura
Yoji Nishii
Toyonari Noguchi

50 years of excellent science to the Organic Chemistry community.
Keep going strong!
H. Waldmann

Dear SYNTHESIS,
Congratulations to all Editors, Staff and Authors for 50 years of success.
Thomas Wirth

December 2, 2018
I have been a follower of SYNTHESIS since my arrival in the laboratory of Dierk Hehne. Dierk Hehne served as an editor at that time and nurtured the high standards of the journal. Almost 20 years later, SYNTHESIS is still going strong and is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Happy Birthday and continued success to the ever-curious publishing business.

Martin Wurz
Berlin
When I started the research of organic synthesis,
Takai group

Congratulations for the 50th anniversary!
U. Kazmeier

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
AT CHAPEL HILL
Department of Chemistry

Please accept my best wishes and
congratulations on the occasion of the
GOLDEN SYNTHESIS Anniversary Special Issue!
Very truly yours,
Jeffrey Johnson

Happy Birthday!

Dear Synthesis!

Since more than 28 years,
from the beginning of my
research career you have been
a constant companion on
all the year.
Thank you. I wish you all the best,
at least for another 50 years.

Happy Birthday!
Mr. Kazmeier

Johnson group
Happy 50th Anniversary!!
Joanne Imai

Looking forward to the next 50 years of Synthesis, a great journal that has kept a high profile.
Happy birthday!
Guillen Evano

Happy birthday to Synthesis. Half a century of
serving the synthetic chemistry community is a special
milestone. It establishes the journal Synthesis as a key
communication tool for science for now and many more
such special birthdays in the years to come.
Peter K. ten Brink

Happy Birthday
All the best for the future of Synthesis

J. Cossy
A. Guérinot
E. Barde

Trost group

Kobayashi group

L. Micouin

G. Evano
Happy Birthday, Synthesis!
Great to be part of your golden celebration.

W. Erb F. Mongin

Happy 50th Birthday and many more.

Tomas Hudlicky
Canada Research Chair (Tier I) in Organic Synthesis and Biocatalysis

Dear SYNTHESIS, all the best to your 50th anniversary. Celebrating the 50th year denotes that 7 times 7 years have passed. This was already in ancient Israel a year of joy and festivity. Now, we look back with pride at 50 years of seminal papers and innovative chemistry. With this I can't await your future contributions to chemistry.

Best,
W. Erb
50 years already! Happy Anniversary to a journal which, after 5 decades, is fresher and younger than perhaps ever before! Cheers!

N.Yoshikai

It is my great pleasure to witness the half-century anniversary of SYNTHESIS; will continue to spur chemistry community.

M. Shibasaki

Of course I wish to express my warmest birthday congratulations to SYNTHESIS for reaching the mature age of 50!

A. Koskinen

Happy 50th Birthday Synthesis; we all look forward to the next Golden Issue in 2069

N. Maulide

Happy 50th Birthday to SYNTHESIS!

N. Yoshikai