50 Years SYNTHESIS – Golden Anniversary Issue

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 künstlerischer Synthesesziele.

Dieter 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 synthesise our brilliant future.

Aiwen Lei
Wuhan University
Congratulations on
Synthesis 50th Anniversary

祝50周年
Masahide Miura
Yaji Nishii
Fappori Noguchi

50 years of excellent service 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

I have been a follower of SYNTHESIS since my arrival in the laboratory of Dieter Hoffe. Dieter Hoffe served as an editor at that time and ensured 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 in the ever-changing publishing business.

Martin Bährich
The Berlin
When I started the research of organic synthesis, Konishi's group was the leader of the field. Many scientists are working hard to catch up with them. I think that the day will come when we will be able to compete with them. Congratulations for the 70th anniversary of the first synthesis of the natural product.

U. Kazmeier

Happy Birthday!

Dear Synthesis,

Since more than 28 years, since the beginning of my scientific career you have been a constant companion on all the years. Thank you. Wish you all the best, at least for another 50 years.

Happy Birthday

Jeffrey Johnson

Department of Chemistry

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Please accept my best wishes and congratulations on the occasion of the Golden Synthesis Anniversary Social dance!

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey Johnson

Takai group

Johnson group
Happy 50th Anniversary!!
Jasmin Izadi

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

Happy Birthday
J. Cossy
A. Guérinot
E. Barde
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 wait to see your future contributions to chemistry.

All the 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. Maulide

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

M. Shibasaki

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

Ari Koskinen

Happy 50th Birthday to SYNTHESIS!

N. Yoshikai