From the Editor

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Dear Readers,

As a leading international journal in synthetic organic chemistry since 1969 SYNTHESIS will continue with its tradition of publishing outstanding contributions covering all aspects of modern synthetic chemistry. We will continue serving our broad readership with timely reviews, short papers, papers, feature articles, alerts and book reviews. To accommodate the ever-growing amount of high-quality research results we are happy to increase again the number of issues, this year from 16 to 18.

In addition, we will continue to provide our readers regularly with special topics, a collection of articles in a certain area published within one issue, as well as special thematic issues, both under the guidance of Professor Erick Carreira. This year, a special issue on material science under the joint editorship of Erick Carreira and Uwe Bunz will appear and a supplementary second one dedicated to one of the leading chemists of our time on the occasion of his 65th birthday in October.

As a new feature, a section called "Practical Synthetic Procedures (PSP)" will be launched very soon, starting with a typical contribution by one of our editors, Professor Paul Knochel. PSPs will present in a compact form useful and reliable procedures, which are of high interest and importance for both academic and industrial chemists. The well-established "Synthesis Alerts" receive a new, more flexible face under the responsibility of our editor, Professor Philip Kocienski, allowing the coverage of more information from the most interesting recent publications in synthetic chemistry.

All online information regarding SYNTHESIS will soon be available on a newly designed and user-friendly website at *www.thieme-chemistry.com*. This new site will also host the popular Synthesis Review Database collected by Philip Kocienski and his co-workers and is now updated twice per year. For all subscribers to the online version of SYNTHESIS the full text of all issues back to 1969 will be made accessible in 2002.

On behalf of the editors and editorial office I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.

Aachen, January 2002

Dieter Enders, Editor in Chief

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