

Chemistry—A European Journal Turns 25

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IYPT 2019

A remarkable year for chemists has come to an end, the International Year of the Periodic Table of the Chemical Elements (IYPT 2019). The journal's IYPT 2019 features and activities are summarized in a special section on our homepage. Highlights included

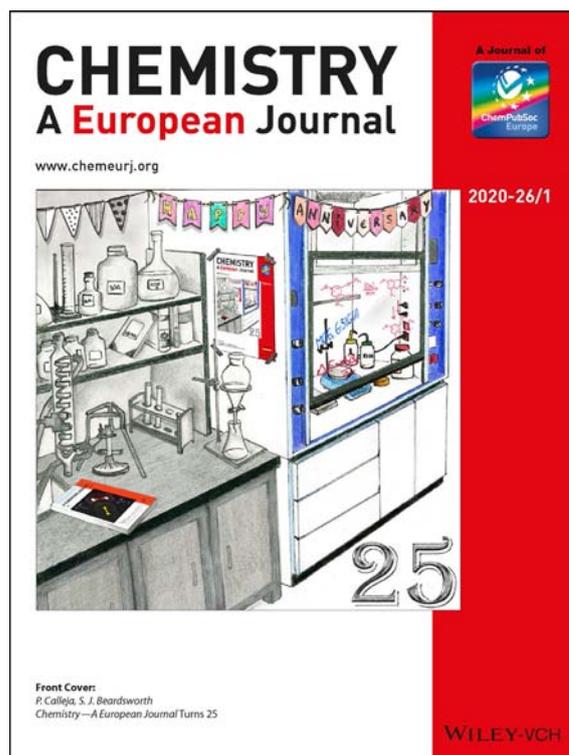
- The popular "In my Element" series ([https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/toc/10.1002/\(ISSN\)1521-3765.InMyElement](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/toc/10.1002/(ISSN)1521-3765.InMyElement)): We published 32 "In My Element" articles by our Editorial Board Members: In total, 19 different elements were covered with carbon, gold and fluorine being most popular.
- Our artwork competition: The winners, Víctor Duarte Alaniz, Yuliia Oleksii and Joanna Cwynar-Wojtonis, were announced by Senior Associate Editor Ganna Lyashenko, Associate Editor Stuart Beardsworth and Editorial Board Co-Chair Jean-François Nierengarten at the IUPAC Congress in July (Figure 1, see also [https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/page/journal/15213765/homepage/iypt artwork competition](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/page/journal/15213765/homepage/iypt%20artwork%20competition)).
- Our Spotify playlist that includes songs with chemical elements in the title.



Figure 1. Senior Associate Editor Ganna Lyashenko, Editorial Board Co-Chair Jean-François Nierengarten and prize winner Yuliia Oleksii at the IUPAC Congress in Paris.

From IYPT 2019 we will transition into an even more exciting year, at least as far as *Chemistry—A European Journal* is concerned: 2020 marks the 25th anniversary of the journal! For that reason, there will be even more special features throughout the year. For an overview, please see the section <http://chemeurj.org/25> on our homepage that will be updated regularly. For starters, you will find the 25 most cited Concepts, Re-

views, Minireviews, Full Papers and Communications - covering the full spectrum of *Chemistry—A European Journal*. The cover picture of this issue is also dedicated to the journal's anniversary.



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I will come back to the anniversary at the end of the editorial. After this editorial you will find guest editorials by the previous editors, Peter Göllitz and Neville Compton. Peter, the founding Editor, writes about the Gordian Knot that had to be cut before the launch of *Chemistry—A European Journal*, whereas Neville elaborates on the early years and the further development to what the journal is today – a cutting-edge forum to publish, disseminate and amplify the scientific excellence of chemistry researchers from around the globe in high-quality publications.

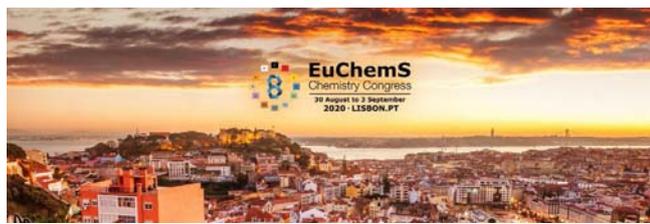
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A founding father of *Chemistry—A European Journal* turned 80 in 2019: Jean-Marie Lehn was instrumental to the launch of the journal (see Peter's editorial). He was the first chairman of the Editorial Board (1995—2002) and is an Honorary Board Member now. We have devoted a special collection to him that includes papers from his lab, but also from his alumni and covers articles published in *Angewandte Chemie* as well. It will be free to read until the end of March.

Celebration

We will celebrate the anniversary with a special symposium on Monday, August 31 during the 8th EuChemS Chemistry Congress in Lisbon (<http://www.euchems2020.org/>). Save the date! We would be happy to welcome you in the audience. You can look forward to five lectures held by Editorial Board Members representing different areas within chemistry. This way the symposium will showcase the breadth of the journal. Speakers include both old (Kuiling Ding, Véronique Gouverneur, Jean-François Nierengarten) and new Board Members (Lee Cronin, Nuno Maulide; see below).



New board members

At the turn of the year there are often changes on the Editorial Board. This time it is time to say good-bye to our long-term Board Members Steve Ley, Klaus Müller, Pekka Pyykkö, and C.N.R. Rao. I thank all of them for their numerous contributions to the launch and the further development of the journal. They will be replaced by Debabrata Maiti (Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, India), Govindasamy Mugesh (Indian Institute of Science Bangalore, India), Sylvia Draper (Trinity College Dublin, Ireland), Nuno Maulide (Universität Wien, Austria) and Lee Cronin (University of Glasgow, UK) (Figure 2). Note that there will be two new Board Members from India, to acknowledge that we now receive 10% of our manuscripts from this country, which makes it the third most prolific country after China and Germany in terms of submissions to the journal.

Science Voices

As editors, we often interact with members of the scientific community at conferences, workshops and on social media platforms and we are always interested to hear the opinions on important topics in modern science. With this in mind, as part of our celebration for our 25th anniversary in 2020, we are launching a brand-new news and views article series, exclusively for *Chemistry—A European Journal: Science Voices*.



Figure 2. Our new Editorial Board Members: Lee Cronin, Sylvia Draper, Debabrata Maiti, Nuno Maulide, Govindasamy Mugesh.

Given our very positive experience with our well-received *In My Element* series in 2019, in which members of our Editorial Board wrote short articles on their favorite elements, we wanted to build upon this for the wider chemistry community. *Science Voices* will be an opportunity for the chemists from all over the globe to write about topics they feel should be discussed and publish their personalized views to an international readership.

The first article appears in this issue: "Revolution Times" by our Editorial Board Member Hermenegildo García. This highlights key technologies and strategies targeting the decrease of CO₂ emission. "The Role of Chemists and Chemical Engineers in a Sustainable World" by EuChemS Past President David Cole-Hamilton will feature in an upcoming issue, and revolves around a similar topic, though from a different perspective; the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals.

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