

Structure Reports **Online**: the first year

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One year ago the International Union of Crystallography launched its first purely electronic journal, *Acta Crystallographica Section E: Structure Reports Online*. At that time we looked forward to its development and growth and to a celebration of its first birthday. We have now reached that date, and there is indeed much to celebrate.

This new and rapid means of publication of crystal structures has been welcomed and embraced by a growing number of authors. The first year's issues have included 800 articles and almost 2000 pages in PDF format, and it will probably not be long before we have 100 articles in a single month's issue. Although there is a formal publication date each month, individual articles are made available on the web as soon as proofs have been corrected, and this may be within a few days of receipt of the original CIF through the journal's electronic submission procedure. The average time from receipt to publication on the web is less than one month, and this is one of the major attractions of *Structure Reports Online*.

Accreditation of the journal by the Institute for Scientific Information, leading to inclusion of articles in the Science Citation Index, was granted earlier this year. This is an important recognition of the journal's importance and relevance and adds to its attraction as a publication medium.

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We are proud of the tremendous success of *Structure Reports Online* in its first year of operation. It is due in no small measure to the dedication and hard work of the editorial staff in Chester and of our excellent team of Co-editors, to whom we are very grateful. During the year we have been glad to have Dr Jean-Claude Daran (CNRS, Toulouse) join the editorial board, and we now also welcome Dr Khalil Abboud (University of Florida), Professor Angiola Chiesi-Villa (University of Parma), Professor Arthur Mar (University of Alberta) and Professor Wing-Tak Wong (University of Hong Kong) as new members. The growth of the journal suggests that we will be seeking further Co-editors during 2002!