

Editorial: Contributions by Wendy Warr

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It is my pleasure to introduce what we hope will be a continuing series of contributions by Wendy Warr of Wendy Warr & Associates.

Wendy is well known to many of us being as she is a long term pillar of the computational chemistry and chemistry information community. Wendy's credentials are noted in her web page (<http://www.warr.com>) and her numerous publications and articles speak for themselves. They demonstrate a firm grounding in her chemistry training and 20 years in industrial informatics. Often spied as a whirlwind of energy at national ACS meetings as she whisks from session to session and from appointment to appointment she encapsulates those meetings in biannual reports, among other things.

Many of you will remember Wendy's insightful interview with Jim Hopkins, CEO of the "new" Tripos, Inc that we ran in July 2007 (Tripos Rediscovered, An Interview with Jim Hopkins, CEO of Tripos Discovery Informatics, Vol. 21, No. 7, pp. 359–360, available free on-line).

In this issue, Wendy interviews the senior management of Symyx, Inc which recently acquired MDL, Inc, the vanguard of the computational chemistry software companies. (RIP MDL Information Systems. Is this Really the Beginning of a New Era?)

Her probing questions and analysis help us all to understand if and how we can incorporate Symyx's offerings into our own work and provide insight into what has happened to MDL, the company with which so many of us worked with in the past, and the people who have populated it.

We plan for Wendy to continue to share with us her insights by providing regular articles that probe the business and software side of our community via interviews and conversations with the leaders, visionaries, and the "pushers and movers" of the companies that develop and market the software, hardware, and technologies on which so many of us depend.

Please join me in welcoming Wendy to JCAMD.

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